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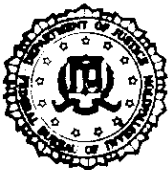
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On August 29, 1965, the Reverend Martin Luther King, Jr., President, Southern Christian Leadership Conference (SCLC), was interviewed on CBS Television program "Face the Nation" at Washington, D. C. This news interview was conducted by Lew Wood, CBS News Correspondent, Rowland Evans, Columnist, New York Herald Tribune Syndicate, and Martin Agronsky, CBS News Correspondent.

At the outset Dr. King indicated he had been so busy with the Civil Rights Movement that he had not had a chance to write a letter to Ho-Chi-Minh. He indicated he thinks it is very urgent to work relentlessly for a negotiated settlement of the dangerous and tragic conflict in Viet Nam and he wanted to use whatever concern that he could muster at this point to express his desire along with numerous people all over the world to bring an end to that conflict.

Statements made during the program are substantially as follows. Questions asked by the above newsmen are indicated by the letter "Q" and answers given by Dr. King are indicated by the letter "A".

Q: Dr. King, many Negro and white civil rights leaders, also responsible men of our Government have indicated their concern that by your use of your own prestige and the Civil Rights Movement to seek independently a Vietnamese peace, you might end with weakening, dividing, and even negating the strengths of the Civil Rights Movement in this country. How would you respond to that criticism?

A: I would certainly say I don't think this is true. First, I must make it clear that my expressions on the war in Viet Nam grow out of something much larger than participation in the Civil Rights Movement. I happen to be a minister of the gospel and I take that ministry very seriously and in that capacity I have not

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merely a priestly function but a prophetic function and I must ever seek to bring the great principles of our Judeo-Christian heritage to bear on the social evils of our day and I happen to feel that war is obsolete and that it must be cast into unending limbo. If we continue to escalate this war we move nearer to plunging the whole of mankind to the abyss of annihilation and I will continue to speak when I deem it timely and necessary on this issue not as a civil rights leader. I have no intention at this point, for instance, to enter into the peace struggle. I don't think we have the resources or the energy. The civil rights issues are still before us in a big and certainly complex way and we have got to work on that front but as a minister of the gospel and one greatly concerned about the need for peace in our world and the survival of mankind I must continue to take a stand on this issue.

Q. Mr. King, you said a moment ago that you were so busy with the Civil Rights Movement you hadn't had a chance to write your letter to Ho-Chi-Minh. What is going to change that situation in the next few months? Why won't you continue to be too busy with the Civil Rights Movement particularly with the trouble in the northern cities?

A. I think we had certain emergency situations; certainly the Los Angeles situation was an emergency much more than other situations we faced in the past. Now I think we will get a let-up from that and from other conditions from other events that will be that ominous in proportion. I think that as a result of the kind of let-up that we will get at that point I would have a chance to give more thought and a little more time to this issue of writing letters to those leaders.

Q. The question of the Logan Act which prevents ordinary citizens outside of the Government from negotiating in any international relations on behalf of our country seems to enter into this question. At least it has been brought up. Are

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you aware of the Logan Act and has it influenced your decision to write letters to Ho-Chi-Minh and so forth?

A: I am aware of that Act. I must say that when I mentioned the fact that when I was contemplating writing these letters I did not know about the Logan Act. After that it was called to my attention. I haven't had a chance to look at that Act in all its legal ramifications. I have had one or two of my lawyers take a look at it and it seems to me that the kind of thing that I am concerned about is no different from an individual writing an open letter on this issue to the New York Times or other newspapers. I have no desire to negotiate. I could not do it if I wanted to. My only concern is that there will be a negotiated settlement and this is the basic thing that I will say in the letters and I don't see how this will conflict with the Logan Act because I will not be seeking to negotiate on my own.

Q: Then you won't do it in the area of civil disobedience?

A: No, Sir, I am not contemplating any civil disobedience at this point.

Q: Do you contemplate going yourself to Viet Nam?

A: Up to now I have not contemplated going to Viet Nam. I have been invited several times to go with various groups but I have not been able and I couldn't find the time to go. I don't have any plans to go at this time. Now it depends on developments; something may occur that will cause me to feel that I should reverse my point of view and go but as it stands now I don't have any plans.

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- Q:** Dr. King, a very distinguished Negro leader in this country, the Assistant Secretary of Labor, George Weaver, who is Head of the Bureau of International Affairs in the Department of Labor, makes another point upon your concern about the Vietnamese peace situation. He says that Americans who have called for peace talks could give the impression that large numbers of American people are not behind the President's Vietnamese policy and might cause the enemy, to quote Mr. Weaver, to miscalculate our determination to fulfill our commitments to resist aggression and that that result could be devastating.
- A:** I think we must say that part of the sacred heritage of our nation is a right to take a stand on the basis of freedom of speech for what conscience tells one is right. Nothing could be more tragic at this time, it seems to me, than for individuals to confuse dissent with disloyalty. I think we need creative dissent. Even President Johnson has called for healthy debate on this issue. We all know that our President has a very difficult job at this point and I am not in a position now of affixing blame on our President or on anybody. I just think the problem must be solved because I am concerned about our children, I am concerned about our men who are in battle and the Vietnamese children and people, and I think that the only course is to work with all the energy that we can develop to bring an end to that conflict.
- Q:** Dr. King, have you discussed this question in any degree with President Johnson?
- A:** Yes, I have talked with President Johnson.
- Q:** Does President Johnson approve of this basic position?

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- A: Of course, there are differences. President Johnson has made it clear that he feels he is doing what he has to do in the situation and I am not self-righteous at this point. He can understand the moral dilemma of those who feel the need of escalating the war so that I don't feel that I can stand with any pretense and say that I have the answer. I am only saying that my concern is so great that I am willing to take a stand and call for all of the work that we can do to solve this problem.
- Q: Have you ever had any encouragement either from the President or from Arthur Goldberg, our Ambassador to the United Nations, in the peace enterprise that you are now engaged in?
- A: I must say that President Johnson has not urged me at any point to withhold my statements, to cease speaking at this point. Now, I have not talked with Ambassador Goldberg. I plan to talk with him on Tuesday. He invited me to talk with him about peace in general and about Viet Nam in particular and I plan to do that.
- Q: Have you a specific proposal to make to him on how you can bring about a negotiation?
- A: I will be thinking about this for the next day or two before going, but at this point I don't have a specific proposal and as I said he invited me to the meeting so he has probably done some thinking about it. I don't know the nature of the agenda at this time.
- Q: Dr. King, I would like to ask you about the statement that the Reverend James Bevel made at the time the President signed the Voting Rights Bill. He said and I quote "that I signed the Civil Rights Movement out of existence" upon signing that bill into law. Do you agree with that?

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A: I don't know the context in which Jim Bevel made that statement and I did not hear and I would not want to be in position of disagreeing with the whole context of his statement. On the specific statement I certainly don't feel that the Civil Rights Movement has been signed out of existence. I wish I could be that optimistic because we all want to see this problem solved and that great day when the brotherhood of man is such a reality that we won't even need civil rights organizations. The fact is that instead of signing the movement out of existence we must face the fact that in the next few years we will have some hard problems in civil rights that will demand all of our resources and resources of all of the forces of good will in our nation.

Q: Would you enumerate those problems?

A: I think we still have problems in the South, the problem inspite of the fact that we have made tremendous strides in public accommodations as a result of the 1964 Civil Rights Bills and great strides because of the Voting Bill of 1965. But legislative acts can only declare rights, they never thoroughly deliver them. We have got to go out and work hard to implement these bills. There is still a great deal of brutality in man's inhumanity to man all across the South. People are still being murdered, they are still being shot. Homes and churches and even automobiles, as we saw in Mississippi just the other day, are still being bombed so we still have problems in the South which we must grapple with. I think in the North the problems are even more difficult precisely because they have not been so overt in the past because they did not have legal structures and because they were not out in the open. In the area of employment which I see as the most difficult problem - the economic problem. In the area of housing and in the area of schools we are going to have some tough and very difficult problems.

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Q: Are you satisfied that our Government is doing everything possible to meet those problems, that it is aware of them?

A: I think our Government has a great concern here and I certainly think that President Johnson has done a most admirable and great job in the area of civil rights and that he understands the depths and dimensions of the problem. I don't think we have had a more eloquent analysis of the plight of the Negro at this hour than the speech which he gave at Howard University where he even went into the sagging, disintegrating family life within the Negro community and I think that the Government is doing a good deal. I think it is necessary that we all realize that it is necessary to expand our already existing programs. The Poverty Program will be most helpful, the education program too. These are creative beginnings and we need much larger programs in the economic and educational areas.

Q: Dr. King, I want to get into that speech that the President made at Howard University. Have you read the Moynihan (phonetic) Report, so called, about the Negro family in the northern city?

A: I have read excerpts in the newspapers.

Q: It is a rather sensitive area but in the question of illegitimate births, the Negro families have had a very difficult time in the North.

(The discussion then continues in regard to birth control and population problems.)

Q: It has been more than a week Dr. King, since you left those of us who were covering your visit to Los Angeles. You've had time to reflect on your investigations there. Have you come up with any new ideas as to why Los Angeles happened and, secondly, are we going to have more Los Angeles' before it is all over?

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A: My ideas are about the same. I have tried to study the problem as thoroughly as one could study the problem in the few days that I visited there. I am thoroughly convinced that the economic problem is basic. Of course, there are other problems but one must not overlook the fact that 34% of the Negro people in Watts happen to have been unemployed and the housing conditions were bad and school conditions. All of this is in the midst of a very wealthy and beautiful community as far as housing is concerned. It was not just poverty, but poverty in the midst of plenty, poverty in the midst of an affluent society and this even deepened the frustrations of the Negro community. I must honestly say that while I would be the last one that would want to predict violence, because I don't like to talk about violence - I hate it so much that I like to avoid talking about it - but honesty impels me to admit that if there is not a massive program on the part of the Federal Government and local, state, and city governments to improve the lot of the Negro masses, we will find other Los Angeles' situations developing in this country and even in more serious proportions.

Q: Dr. King, looking at the whole spectrum of the racial crisis in this country and in line with the observations which you have just made about other Los Angeles', what cities seem to you the most threatened and have the greatest potential to erupt in the manner in which Los Angeles has just done?

A: I think almost any of our large northern cities. I think cities like New York with its Harlem, and Bedford-Stuyvesant, Philadelphia, Chicago, Detroit, Cleveland, and even Washington, I think are the most likely. I think Washington must be included. These are the most serious cities as far as potential explosions are concerned.

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Q: Dr. King, in Washington, D. C., do you think that this is linked to the question of home rule? Do you think that if Congress fails to give Washington home rule that this could produce a situation similar to Los Angeles, a major crisis?

A: Yes, I certainly do. I know from my conversations with numerous people in the Washington community and because of a recent visit here that there is a deep feeling within the Washington community about the whole issue of home rule and it is really connected with the whole Rights to Vote Movement all across the South. I feel that Congress would do our nation a grave injustice and would set forth the conditions that may bring into being an unfortunate conflagration if something isn't done soon to bring home rule into being.

Q: Do you intend, Dr. King, to dramatize your feeling by arranging again a March on Washington to bring that home here?

A: If something isn't done I made it clear to the Committee when I was here that I would be willing to come back. They asked me to come back if things are not changed or if something isn't done by Congress to deal with this issue and I said that I would be willing to do it, so if in the next few weeks we don't see home rule emerging, I think it will be necessary to dramatize this issue, not in a small march but in a massive march on Washington, similar to our march of a few years ago.

Q: Dr. King, after a hundred years the Negro seems to have gained his just rights or they have at least legally been granted him. What Negroes are assuming these rights with responsibility but there are some recent events such as the Los Angeles riots and lynchings (phonetic) the other

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night where it is alleged Negroes at a rally shouted, "Kill for freedom", and then there were armed Negro groups like the Deacons in Louisiana. This raises the question of a new-found boldness, even aggressiveness towards violence among certain elements of the Negro group. Have you considered this problem and does it represent a danger to you?

A: I have considered this problem, naturally. I have committed myself to a philosophy of non-violence and I believe it is a philosophy which is most practically sound as well as morally excellent. I don't think we help ourselves by resorting to violence whether it is the aggressive violence of a riot or the retaliatory violence in a southern situation, but I do feel that we must understand the condition that brings this kind of violence into being. Now I am so concerned about it that I plan to double or triple my efforts around the country to try to get over the meaning and power of non-violence. I think that many people will fail to understand that non-violence is more than a do-nothing method of cowardice. It is a positive and powerful method and I plan to go into communities all over this country to try to get this over.

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Dear [REDACTED]

Your letter of August 25th, with enclosures, was received during Mr. Hoover's absence; however, you may be sure it will be brought to his attention upon his return.

I know he would want me to thank you for making your observations available and assure you that your communication will be made a matter of record in our files.

I am enclosing some material which we hope will be of interest.

Sincerely yours,

Helen W. Gandy
Secretary

Enclosures (2)

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NOTE: We have had limited correspondence with [REDACTED] She was on the UCR mailing list as [REDACTED], but was deleted when her 1953 UCR was returned unclaimed.

Assistant Director Sullivan met her during a lecture engagement in Chicago on 9-23-60. He stated that she impressed him unfavorably as a promoter and as an opportunist.

By letter dated 10-11-60 to Mr. Sullivan she advised him that she had written a book on communism which she was having difficulty in publishing. She suggested that a preface by Mr. Hoover or a word to his publisher might help. By letter 10-25-60 she was advised that this would not be possible. b7(c)

Bufiles also reflect that in 1943 she was listed as a member of the Midwest Regional Office of the Joint Anti-Fascist Refugee Committee which was communist controlled.

There is no record of [REDACTED]

We have had prior cordial correspondence with Henry Regnery. The last outgoing was 7-23-62 (large blue). There is nothing derogatory.

In 1954, Henry Regnery Company of Chicago published "The Techniques of Communism" by Louis F. Budenz formerly a prominent member of the CPUSA. In his book he discussed the communist technique of exploiting prominent individuals to further communist objectives.

[REDACTED] could not be identified in Bufiles.

Ralph Helstein is well known to Bufiles.

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Mr. J. Edgar Hoover,
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Washington, 25, D.C.

Dear Mr. Hoover:

I have been writing and lecturing against Communism since 1948, per my brochure attached. By presenting and interviewing refugee patriots I have trained myself and others to understand Communism "in practice".

I also have a basic library on Communism. In the book "TECHNIQUES OF COMMUNISM" published by Henry Regnery in 1954 there is a chapter on the challenge of Communism vs the Negro.

I am firmly convinced that COMMUNISM IS BEHIND THE RIOT IN LOS ANGELES and also behind these other Red-type negro demonstrations!

friend,

Speaking to my gardener, [redacted] he said that he worked with Martin Luther King 25 years ago. At that time Mr. King was the Steward for the C.I.O. Packinghouse Workers at SWIFT & CO. But that even then, he was a notorious AGITATOR! He said that he was sure that Mr. King obtained his PH.D. from some small negro college on an HONORARY BASIS, that he never earned it. He also is sure that Martin Luther King is no MINISTER. (That also is assumed.) As you are aware, the Reds always build up their puppets. [redacted] also mentioned that Mr. King worked closely with Mr. Ralph Helstein, also known as a notorious Russia-Communist lover. SEP 2 1965

Mr. Ralph Helstein is still today at the International office of the C.I.O. Packinghouse Workers at 608 S Dearborn St. WE 9-5343. I'm sending a copy to your FBI in Chicago. They might like to obtain more data on the King of negroes, who in my opinion is behind all this unrest — and may be in line to become another Castro for the U.S.A.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO

Mr. Mohr

FROM

C. D. DeLoach

SUBJECT

RACIAL MATTER, PHILADELPHIA
MARTIN LUTHER KING

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For record purposes, at 3:30 p.m. today Lee White at the White House telephoned and talked to Wick. He said he had just received a telephone call from Andrew Young, assistant to Martin Luther King, who was calling from Los Angeles. White said that Martin Luther King shortly before had attempted to talk with the President unsuccessfully. Young told Mr. White that King wanted the President to know that King had received this afternoon a telephone call from persons in Philadelphia. These persons told King that the situation in Philadelphia is tense. Young said King wanted advice as to whether King should send people to Philadelphia to alleviate the situation.

White told Wick he got the distinct feeling Young was attempting to impress the White House with the amount of knowledge held by the King crowd or else attempting to be in the position of saying "I told you so" in case anything occurred in Philadelphia. White said further that he got the point across to Young that these matters should be left to the constituted authorities and that, of course, whatever King wished to do was up to them. White stated that Young told him that the King party intended to return to Atlanta today.

White stated his only purpose in calling the Bureau was to alert us to the fact that Martin Luther King's people had called the White House as related above. He desires no action taken and this is for our information only.

RECOMMENDATION:

It appears no action is necessary on the part of the Bureau.

- 1 - Mr. Belmont
- 1 - Mr. Sullivan
- 1 - Mr. Rosen
- 1 - M. A. Jones

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The White House makes a great mistake in even allowing King to do get matters to go

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : Mr. Mohr

FROM : C. D. DeLoach

SUBJECT: SPEAKER JOHN MC CORMACK
BRIEFING RE MARTIN LUTHER KING
SATURDAY, 8-14-65
AT 2 P. M.

DATE: 8-14-65

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At his request, and with the Director's approval, I briefed Speaker John McCormack regarding the background and activities of Martin Luther King today in the Speaker's rooms.

b7(c) The briefing lasted approximately 45 minutes. It covered King's [REDACTED] as well as his connections with members of the Communist Party. The identity of the members of the Communist Party who have had control over and association with King were brought out. The latest incident in which King has advised the press that he will write a letter to General Ho Chih Minh of the North Vietnamese, in an attempt to establish himself as a "peacemaker" was related to Speaker McCormack. The communists' efforts back of this incident, and those individuals perpetrating the incident were mentioned.

Speaker McCormack was quite calm about the entire briefing. He stated he had heard much in the way of rumor previously; however, he wanted to know if the information he had received was accurate. He stated he now recognized the gravity of the situation and that something obviously must be done about it. He inquired as to whether the President knew these facts. I replied in the affirmative.

The Speaker stated that he thought that "Edgar Hoover did not call King a notorious liar for nothing." He stated he now recognized why the Director branded King as he did. He added that he was in complete sympathy with the Director taking this action.

The Speaker spoke lengthily concerning the desperate need to educate Negroes today with the fact that they cannot defy the law and get away with it.

- 1 - Mr. Belmont
- 1 - Mr. Sullivan
- 1 - Mr. Jones

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RE: SPEAKER JOHN MC CORMACK

Speaker McCormack asked that his and Mrs. McCormack's best regards be given to the Director. He also asked that the Director be advised of his appreciation for affording him the above-mentioned briefing.

ACTION:

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (100-106670)

FROM: SAC, CHARLOTTE (100-10075) (RUC)

MARLIN LUTHER KINI, JR.
SM - C

Re Charlotte airtels to Director, dated 8/20 and 21/65.

Enclosed for the Bureau are eight copies of letterhead memorandum and for Atlanta four copies, as designated. Extra copies are being furnished the Bureau in view of the nature of this matter and in the event the Bureau desires additional dissemination.

Copies disseminated locally to Military Intelligence and Secret Service.

Contact with [REDACTED] Raleigh, N. C., was handled by SA [REDACTED]. All other contacts and investigation on 8/20/65 handled by SA [REDACTED]. Investigation on 8/21/65, handled by SA [REDACTED].

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MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.

On August 20, 1965, [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] telephonically advised that he had received information that MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. was to appear at 2 P.M., on August 21, 1965, to address the Conference. [REDACTED] advised that he was notifying local law enforcement officers covering Montreat, North Carolina.

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On August 20, 1965, Special Agent [REDACTED] North Carolina State Bureau of Investigation, Raleigh, North Carolina; [REDACTED] North Carolina State Police Corps Group, Charlotte, North Carolina; [REDACTED] United States Secret Service, Charlotte, North Carolina; Sheriff [REDACTED] Asheville, Buncombe County, North Carolina; and [REDACTED] North Carolina Highway Patrol, Asheville, North Carolina, were advised of subject's plans to appear at the Presbyterian Assembly, Montreat, North Carolina, on August 21, 1965.

On August 21, 1965, [REDACTED] advised that KING arrived at Asheville, North Carolina, Airport at approximately 1 P.M., that day, traveling in a Cessna Aircraft which had been chartered from Aircraft Charter, Incorporated, Atlanta, Georgia. He stated that KING appeared as a speaker before the Presbyterian Christian Action Conference at Montreat from 2 P.M. to 3:30 P.M., that date, and left Asheville, North Carolina, Airport at approximately 5:10 P.M., August 21, 1965, for return to Atlanta via same method of travel. He stated that no incidents arose as a result of KING's appearance at the conference.

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (100-106670)

FROM: SAC, LOS ANGELES (100-57229)(P)

RE: MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.
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OO: Atlanta

Re Los Angeles airtel and letterhead memorandum (LHM) dated 8/19/65 and Los Angeles teletypes to Director and Atlanta dated 8/19/65 and 8/20/65.

Enclosed herewith for the Bureau are eight copies of a LHM with two copies enclosed for Atlanta

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Reference is made to the letterhead memorandum on captioned individual dated August 19, 1965, at Los Angeles, California.

[REDACTED], advised on August 19, 1965, that King was scheduled to meet with Los Angeles Mayor Samuel W. Yorty and Police Chief William H. Parker around noon on August 19, 1965, for a conference. b7(D)

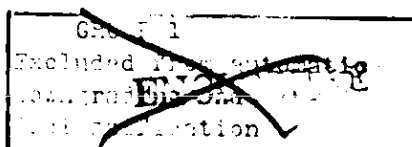
The "Los Angeles Times," a daily Los Angeles metropolitan newspaper, home edition, for August 20, 1965, Part 1, Page 1, carried an article captioned "King assailed by Yorty after Stormy Meeting." The article stated that Mayor Yorty, Police Chief Parker, and nine other persons, not identified, but described as mainly civil rights figures and aids to Yorty and Parker, held a two hour and 45 minute meeting with King in Mayor Yorty's office on August 19, 1965.

Mayor Yorty was quoted as stating after the conference that King had performed "a great disservice to the people of Los Angeles and the nation." Yorty criticized King for "talking about lawlessness, killing, looting, and burning in the same context as our police department." The Mayor staunchly defended Parker against Dr. King's suggestion that many Negroes want Parker to resign.

The article quoted Bayard Rustin (below), a deputy to Dr. King who attended the meeting as stating that some of the participants used "crude" language and that the longest and

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most heated debate concerned King's demand for a civilian police review board. Another official present, not identified, stated that much of the argument at the conference "was over unfounded charges of police brutality."

Yorty was quoted as stating, "I don't think that it's wise for Dr. King to try and simplify all the complex issues that led to the riot and personify them in Chief Parker" and that Dr. King "shouldn't have come here."

King was quoted as stating that the rioting had an economic cause and this could be alleviated if Mayor Yorty could obtain sufficient anti-poverty funds.

King stated that Yorty and Parker would not permit him to visit arrested rioters in Lincoln Heights Jail, and he suggested that Yorty should tour the Watts area so that residents could tell him personally of their grievances. Mayor Yorty stated that he refused to let Dr. King visit the jail because he did not want to set off a prison riot.

King was quoted as stating that an independent police review board could "do a lot to ease tension by investigating specific charges of brutality." Yorty stated that a police review board would tend to duplicate the present five member police commission which, he noted, includes a Negro, a Mexican-American, and a Jew. Yorty was further quoted as stating even if Parker wanted to resign he would refuse to accept the resignation.

[REDACTED] advised on August 19, 1965, that King had planned to visit the Watts area of Los Angeles where the rioting centered again on the afternoon of August 19, 1965, but for some reason canceled his plans. [REDACTED] did not know the reason but surmised it might have been because of the prolonged conference King had with Mayor Yorty and Chief Parker that day and that time did not permit. b7(L)

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[REDACTED] b7(D)
[REDACTED] advised further on August 20, 1965, that the proposed meeting between King and Los Angeles labor leaders on August 20, 1965, was not held. Bayard Rustin had hoped to arrange such a meeting but it did not materialize. Apparently time did not permit arranging such a meeting on short notice. [REDACTED] did not know the identity of the labor leaders that King had hoped to meet with.

The "Los Angeles Times," home edition for August 21, 1965, Part 1, Page 4, carried an article "L. A. Lacks Leadership on Rights, King Says."

The article quoted Dr. Martin Luther King as stating at a press conference at the International Hotel, Los Angeles, on August 20, 1965, that he had failed to find any "statesmanship and creative leadership" to resolve the situation in South Los Angeles' riot-torn district.

When asked whether he was referring to Mayor Yorty and Governor Brown, King replied, "I think the governor has been moving in a forthright and committed way but I am not going to get into any name calling." He added he had not seen on the city level the kind of "sensitive and determined leadership capable of solving the problem."

King stated that he had been in contact with the White House on the morning of August 20, 1965, and had an appointment to talk to President Johnson by telephone that night from Atlanta about the Los Angeles situation.

King was further quoted as stating, "There are serious doubts that the white community is in any way concerned or willing to accommodate their needs. There is a growing disillusionment and resentment (by Negroes in the Watts area) toward the Negro middle class and the leadership it has produced."


King was further quoted as stating that the Negroes' fight is for "dignity and work, and this is the reason why the issues of police brutality looms so high. The slightest discourtesy on the part of an officer of the law is a deprivation of the dignity which most of the residents of Watts came North seeking."

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King was further quoted as stating, "There is a unanimous feeling among Negroes that there is police brutality." King added that while most Negroes want Police Chief Parker removed he had not heard any recommendations for a replacement for Parker.

A source, who has furnished reliable information in the past, advised on August 20, 1965, that at his press conference on that date King had also stated that he felt that the underlying cause of the riots in Los Angeles were basically economic and grew out of the depths of despair of the Negro. This source further advised that the riots in Los Angeles were of national significance and that while these riots constitute a "crisis" for the non violent movement he still felt that the majority of people in the Watts area maintained an attitude of non violence.

 b7(D) advised on August 20, 1965, that King and his aid, Bernard Lee, departed Los Angeles at approximately 3:05 p.m. on the afternoon of August 20, 1965, by Delta Airline Flight 804, which was due to arrive at Atlanta, Georgia, at 9:52 (on the same date).

"In "The Saturday Evening Post" issue of July 11-18, 1964, page 76, Bayard Rustin is the subject of a feature article captioned: "The Lone Wolf of Civil Rights." In it, Rustin is said to have come to New York in 1938, as an organizer for the Young Communist League (YCL), and as such, he had the job of recruiting students for the "Party." Furthermore, the article reports that during his first years in New York, Rustin gave most of his earnings to the "Party." He reportedly left the "Party" in 1941, the article states.

The YCL has been designated pursuant to Executive Order 10450.

The "Daily Worker," February 11, 1957, page 1, column 2, reported that Bayard Rustin, Executive Secretary, War Resisters League, was an observer at the 16th National Convention of

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the Communist Party, United States of America
(CP, USA), held in New York City, on February 9-12,
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The "Daily Worker" was an East Coast
Communist publication until it ceased publication
on January 13, 1958.

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[REDACTED]
Fair Oaks, California

Dear [REDACTED] b7(c)

Your letter of August 20th was received in Mr. Hoover's absence from the city. I can assure you it will be brought to his attention upon his return. I know he would want me to thank you for furnishing your views concerning civil rights matters in this country.

Enclosed is some literature which it is hoped will be of interest to you.

Sincerely yours,

Helen W. Gandy
Secretary

Enclosures (2)

Thomas J. Dodd's speech 2-25-65
Excerpt from FBI Appropriations Testimony, 3-4-65,
on Communist Party, USA

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[REDACTED] b7(c)
Fair Oaks Calif-

Mr J. Edgar Hoover
Washington. D. C.

Dear Mr Hoover:

We all know I do have the right to Spend My. openion I will do So in this letter. Nevertheless I am certain your openion is Much better than Mine but I Can Spend My openion More freely than you would this is My openion:

Martin Luther King is the Bissyest Communist in the United States this day. I think he is the Biggest lier in the United States. I think he has the Best cover up than any Communist has. he is a So called Preacher. lots of white People fall for the line he has. he can talk one way to President Johnson one way. and the Negro Leaders another In My openion. the Negro trouble will Never be Settled untill Martin Luther King is Stopped. I am Sure you have Summarized his Record and you Know him better than anyone and it could be that your openion is Parallel with Mine.

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yours very Sincerely

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/s/

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Mr J. Edgar Hoover
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Dear Mr Hoover

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we all know I do have the right to
Spend my ^{opinion} I will do so in this letter.
Nevertheless I am certain your opinion
is much better than mine but I can
Spend my opinion more freely than you
would. This is my opinion:

Martin Luther King is the Biggest
Communist in the United States this
day. I think he is the Biggest Liar
in the United States. I think he has the
Best cover up than any Communist has.
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People fall for the line he has. he can
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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (100-106670)

FROM: SAC, OKLAHOMA CITY (100-7259) -RUC-

SUBJECT: MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.
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OO: Atlanta

Re Oklahoma City teletype to Director 8-21-65.

Enclosed herewith to the Bureau are 5 copies of a LHM concerning captioned individual.

Two copies of the LHM are being furnished to Atlanta.

Special Agents observing arrival of Braniff Airline Flights 982 and 152, at Will Rogers Airport at Oklahoma City on 8-21-65 were SA [REDACTED] and SA [REDACTED].

No additional investigation being conducted.

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
Oklahoma City, Oklahoma
August 23, 1965

MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.

On August 21, 1965, [REDACTED]
[REDACTED] American Airlines, Dallas, Texas, telephonically
furnished the following information to the Oklahoma City Office
of the FBI:

[REDACTED] stated that a few minutes before 2:00 P. M.,
on August 21, 1965, [REDACTED]
American Airlines, Dallas, Texas, received a telephone call from
an unknown male person in Oklahoma City, Oklahoma. The caller
inquired as to when the flight from Birmingham would arrive in
Oklahoma City, on August 21, 1965.

[REDACTED] informed the caller that Braniff Airlines
had a flight, 982, which would arrive in Oklahoma City at 4:18 P. M.,
August 21, 1965. The caller then remarked that Martin Luther King
is coming to Oklahoma City from Birmingham; referred to King as
"Nigger," and stated "I am going to get him". The caller then
requested [REDACTED] to forget his call and hung up the telephone.

[REDACTED]
Airlines, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, advised on August 21, 1965,
that a check of airline schedules reflects only two airline flights
arriving in Oklahoma City on August 21, 1965, from Birmingham,
Alabama. He identified these flights as Braniff Flight 982,
arriving at Oklahoma City at 4:18 P. M., August 21, 1965, and
Braniff Flight 152, arriving at Oklahoma City at 4:01 P. M.,
August 21, 1965.

[REDACTED] advised that the check of the reservation
passenger list for these two flights failed to reflect Martin Luther
King as a passenger.

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The above information was furnished to [REDACTED]
[REDACTED] Oklahoma City, Oklahoma Police Department,
and [REDACTED] Will Rogers Airport Police Force,
at 3:00 P. M., August 21, 1965.

The arrival of Braniff Flights 152 and 982, at
Will Rogers Airport, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, on August 21,
1965, was observed by Special Agents of the FBI, and Martin
Luther King was not observed as a passenger on these flights.

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RE NEW YORK TELETYPE AUGUST FOURTEEN, SIXTYFIVE CAPTIONED MARTIN LUTHER KING JR. AND RACIAL SITUATION, LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA, RM.

b(2) b7(D) ON AUGUST FOURTEEN, SIXTYFIVE, [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] ADVISED THAT BAYARD RUSTIN CONTACTED ROY WILKINS OF NAACP AND ADVISED HIM THAT THE PRESIDENT WANTS A. PHILIP RANDOLPH TO BE CHAIRMAN OF THE NOVEMBER SEVENTEENTH CONFERENCE. WILKINS SAID HE HAD OTHER PLANS FOR THE SEVENTEENTH. BAYARD SUGGESTED WILKINS BE IN TOUCH WITH THE WHITE HOUSE AND THEM KNOW. WILKINS SAID HE WOULD CONSIDER IT A PRIVILEGE TO TAKE PART IN A CONFERENCE WITH RANDOLPH AS CHAIRMAN. WILKINS SAID YOU COULD NOT HAVE WHITNEY YOUNG HIMSELF, JAMES FARMER OR MARTIN LUTHER KING AS CHAIRMAN AND RUSTIN AGREED.
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RANDOLPH , SAID WILKINS, IS RIGHT MAN. RUSTIN SAID HE WILL CONTACT RANDOLPH AS HE HAS TO LET THEM KNOW ON MONDAY/AUGUST SIXTEEN, SIXTYFIVE/. RUSTIN AND WILKINS AGREE THAT WHITNEY YOUNG WOULD ALSO RECOMMEND RANDOLPH AND TAKE RESPONSIBILITY FOR SUCH A RECOMMENDATION. RUSTIN THEN TOLD WILKINS THAT A NUMBER OF BAPTIST MINISTERS WHO HAVE DONE NOTHING LOS ANGELES/RIOTS/ ARE PUTTING ALL KINDS OF PRESSURE ON MARTIN KING TO COME TO LOS ANGELES, RUSTIN SAID KING IS GOING TO PUERTO RICO BUT HAS TICKETS FOR GOING TO LOS ANGELES ON HIS WAY BACK. RUSTIN SAID KING WILL DO NOTHING BUT CREATE MORE CONFUSION AND EMBARRASS HIMSELF AND WILKINS AGREED. WILKINS SAID IF KING DID NOT GO TO LOS ANGELES, HE WOULD ONLY BE REGARDED AS AN AMISARY SENT TO QUIET THEM. WILKINS SAID HE DID NOT INTEND TO GO TO LOS ANGELES AT THE MOMENT. WILKINS FELT A STATEMENT SHOULD BE ISSUED AFTER THE RIOTING IS OVER. [a]

RUSTIN THEN SAID HE WILL TELL KING THAT HE FELT HE HAS TALKED WITH RANDOLPH, TOM WILCORE, JOHN MORCELL /PH/ AND WILKINS AND THAT IS OUR CONSIDERED VIEW HE SHOULD MAKE NO MOVE TOWARD GOING TO LOS ANGELES AND ALSO THAT WILKINS IS CONSIDERING DRAWING UP A STATEMENT SIGNED BY ALL CIVIL RIGHTS LEADERS WHEN IT IS FELT IT WILL BE MOST USEFUL. [b]

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RUSTIN SUBSEQUENTLY TALKED TO MAX SCHACTMAN . RUSTIN RELATES THAT HE CONVINCED RANDOLPH TO HONORARY CHAIRMAN AT A WHITEHOUSE CONFERENCE AND THAT THE WHITE HOUSE WOULD LET HE, RUSTIN, "STAND IN" FOR RANDOLPH IN ALL PLANNING. RUSTIN SAYS RANDOLPH WENT TO THE WHITE HOUSE AND TOLD THE PRESIDENT THAT HE RELUCTANTLY WOULD TAKE IT /THE CHAIRMANSHIP/ BUT HE WOULD HAVE TO HAVE SOMEONE CLOSE TO HIM DO ALL THE WORK. RANDOLPH WAS ABOUT TO MENTION RUSTIN AND LEE WHITE, PRESIDENTIAL AID TURNED TO THE PRESIDENT AND SAID MR. PRESIDENT, THE VICE PRESIDENT AND I FEEL THAT OF THE THIRTY PEOPLE WHO COME TO THE WHITE HOUSE THE ONLY PERSON WHO REALLY MADE A GREAT DEAL OF SENSE WAS A MR. RUSTIN. RUSTIN SAID THEN PRESIDENT SAID "OH THAT IS THE MAN WHO LEAD THE MARCH ON WASHINGTON." AND WHITE SAID , "MORE IMPORTANT MR. PRESIDENT, HE IS THE MAN WHO WROTE THE ARTICLE "FROM PROTEST TO POLITICS," WHICH I LAID ON YOUR /THE PRESIDENT-S / DESK IN PREPARATION FOR ONE OF YOUR SPEECHES." RUSTIN SAID, HE /THE PRESIDENT/ SAID "YOU KNOW I AM VERY HAPPY TO ACCEPT MR. RUSTIN IF MR. RANDOLPH WOULD LIKE TO HAVE HIM." RANDOLPH SAID RUSTIN IS EXACTLY THE PERSON HE WAS GOING TO MNAME. RUSTIN SAID THE REASON HE IS CALLING IS THAT LEE WHITE WANTS RUSTIN RUSTIN TO HAVE ON WHITE-S DESK BY FRIDAY /AUGUST TWENTY, SIXTYFIVE/ A LIST OF PEOPLE I WOULD PROPOSE FOR THE COMMITTEE TO RUN THE CONFERENCE. RUSTIN SAID HE WANTS TO GET A GROUP TOGETHER TO TALK ABOUT HIS IDEAS. RUSTIN SAID HE WANTS THE CONFERENCE TO DEAL ON A BASIS OF ECONOMICS. RUSTIN SAID U67

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VICE PRESIDENT HUMPHREY IS FRIENDLY TO HIM PERSONALLY. SCHACTMANN THEN SAID "I HOPE THAT YOU HAVE, LIKE I HAVE, LEFT BEHIND THE FEELING THAT IF YOU ARE ON TALKING TERMS WITH SOMEONE AMONG THE BOURGEOISE YOU HAVE BETRAYED THE PROLETARIOT." RUSTIN SAID "OH DON-T WORRY." RUSTIN THEN IS CRITICAL OF REVEREND BEVEL-S' ACTIONS AT A CATHOLIC CONVENTION. [O]

RUSTIN THEN CALLS TOM KAHN, RELATES THE ABOVE AND WANTS TO HAVE A MEETING TUESDAY/AUGUST SEVENTEENTH, SIXTYFIVE SOMEPLACE. RUSTIN SUGGESTS HIS RESIDENCE AND SAYS THIS IS ONE OF THE MOST IMPORTANT OPPORTUNITIES "WE" HAVE HAD. RUSTIN SAYS THE PEOPLE TO GET FOR THE CONFERENCE ARE NORM HILL, ROCHELLE/HOROWITZ/ , TOM KAHN , HIMSELF AND SCHACTMAN. THEY WOULD ALSO LIKE TO GET IRVING HOWE. RUSTIN SAID HE "WOULDN-T WANT SOME PEOPLE TO KNOW THAT A SOCIOLOGIST CAUCUS MET ON IT," / THE CONFERENCE/ RUSTIN SAID HE WILL CALL IRVING. LATER HARRY WACHTEL CALLED RUSTIN AND SAID HE WROTE MARTIN/ KING/ A LONG LETTER LAST NIGHT AND TOLD HIM TO GET GOING ON THE GANDHI SOCIETY WHICH IS NOW TAX EXEMPT AND THAT HE WANTS TO GET TOGETHER WITH HIM TO DISCUSS HIS, WACHTELL-S ROLE. AS REGARDS LOS ANGELES, WACHTEL SAID HE WAS NOT UNHAPPY BECAUSE THE " POWER STRUCTURE" ACTS AS IF THEY ARE ONLY DEALING WITH KING AND THEY ARE NOT, []

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THEY ARE DEALING WITH GUYS WHO ARE EASILY INCITED WHO LIVE IN STINKING
CONDITIONS. RUSTIN TELLS WACHTEL ABOUT THE PRESIDENTIAL MEETING.

RUTIN THEN SAID HE "PERSUADED KING FROM NOT GOING TO LOS ANGELES." 

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

1 - Mr. Belmont
1 - Mr. Mohr
1 - Mr. DeLoach
1 - Mr. Sullivan

TO : Mr. Sullivan

DATE: 8-11-65

FROM : F. J. Baumgardner

1 - Mr. Bland
1 - Mr. D. J. Brennan
1 - Mr. Wannall
1 - Mr. R. D. Cotter
1 - Mr. Baumgardner

SUBJECT: MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.
SECURITY MATTER - COMMUNIST

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[REDACTED]

ACTION:

We have prepared a letterhead memorandum for dissemination of the foregoing, by routing slips, to the White House, the Secretary of State Rusk, Vice Admiral William F. Raborn, Jr., USN, (Ret.), Director of the Central Intelligence Agency, the Attorney General, Deputy Attorney General and Assistant Attorneys General Yeagley and Doar. They are attached for approval and forwarding.

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Dear [REDACTED] DATE 1-7-81 BY SP4 JRM/ld

Your letter of August 16th has been received.

Concerning your inquiries, I would like to point out that information in our files must be maintained as confidential pursuant to regulations of the Department of Justice. I am sure you will understand the reason for this policy and why I am not in a position to comment as you desire.

I am returning herewith the five dollars in currency you so thoughtfully enclosed and forwarding some material which I trust you will find of interest. For your information, there is no charge for publications this Bureau is privileged to disseminate.

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

Enclosures (3)

1 - Detroit - Enclosures (2)

1 - Mr. Sullivan - Enclosures (2)

Our Heritage of Greatness

Excerpt from FBI Appropriations Testimony, 3/4/65, on CP, USA

NOTE: There is no record of correspondent in Bufiles. The serial number of the five dollar bill is G73108487C and it is being returned by registered mail.

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READING ROOM

August 16, 1965
Plymouth, Mich.

Mr. J. Edgar Hoover
The Federal Bureau of Investigation
Washington D. C.

Dear Sir:

During a recent trip through a southern state I continually encountered people who were convinced, perhaps by one another, that Doctor Martin Luther King associates with and is himself a communist. They even went so far as to relate the number of communist fronts he supposedly belongs to, which is forty-nine. One might fully expect such attitudes from the now infamous deep South, but the people of which I speak reside in Kentucky. Some were farmers, others were factory workers, and still others were wealthy businessmen.

Of course such pronouncements have been heard before, and no doubt reiterations are frequent within circles of friends who mutually oppose an interracial society. Their objection lies in the prospect that before long "inter" would become incorrect, at which time "mixed" would be set in its place. Their convictions, although unpopular among most "intellectual" cliques, are harmful only when they appraise lies, myths, and ignorance to be more desirable than honest conviction, truth, fair play, and a strong will to win the confidence and support of others legitimately. I trust all men, in their hearts, prefer truth to untruth, but times are when prejudice triumphs over conscience.

I too want the truth and I trust that you have a better insight in this field than a mere individual or group of such. I would like any information you might have concerning Dr. King. C O R E, and any other civil rights organization or personality that has been called communistic. Please send me any document telling how much, if any, communist influence there is behind the Negro revolution. For your trouble I'm sending \$5.00.

Thank you

Your humble admirer

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Plymouth, Mich.

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RE: BERNARD S. LEE V. CLARENCE M. KELLEY, ET AL.
(U.S.D.C., D.C.) CIVIL ACTION NUMBER 76-1185

SOUTHERN CHRISTIAN LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE (SCLC)
V. CLARENCE M. KELLEY, ET AL (U.S.D.C., D.C.)
CIVIL ACTION NUMBER 76-1186

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1 - Mr. Belmont
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1 - Mr. D.J. Brennan
1 - Mr. Baumgardner

August 16, 1965

**MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.
SECURITY MATTER - COMMUNIST**

It has been previously reported that Stanley David Levison, a long-time communist whose secret membership in the Communist Party, USA, has been established as recently as July, 1963, has been influencing Martin Luther King, Jr., concerning the Vietnam situation. The following additional information has been supplied by a confidential informant of this Bureau who has furnished reliable information in the past.

On August 13, 1965, Miss Dora McDonald, secretary to King, contacted Levison and advised that "The New York Times" had asked King to answer twelve questions. She said that King desired Levison to prepare answers to the questions. Levison subsequently contacted Miss McDonald and furnished proposed answers to the twelve questions which Miss McDonald said she would give to King for his approval. The questions and Levison's proposed replies are as follows:

(1) In a recent statement King noted that several peace organizations had approached him concerning Vietnam. What specific groups are they? Reply: Among others, the National Committee for a Sane Nuclear Policy and Women Strike for Peace. (These are pacifist organizations.)

(2) What is the text of the letter which King intends to send to President Johnson and to Ho Chi Minh, President of North Vietnam? Reply: When the text is finalized, a copy will be made available.

(3) How will the letter be sent? Reply: These details have not been planned as yet.

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Martin Luther King, Jr.

(4) Should the United States remain in Vietnam if the South Vietnamese ask us to leave? Reply: "I believe we would have no moral or juridical basis for remaining if a sovereign government demands that we leave its territory." [X]

(5) Can King be more specific concerning his attitude on escalation of the war? Reply: "Escalation is expressed in so many degrees and is related to escalation on the other side, so that I can discuss it only in concrete terms. It is impossible to generalize." [X]

(6) King said that he is not blaming either government for the war. Who is to blame? Reply: "There is blame on both sides because each has made responses too readily through means of violence without an earnest search for reduction of violence. I am encouraged by the restraint President Johnson has manifested both in action and in words and I believe the exercise of restraint will ultimately lead faster to constructive negotiation than will the flexing of the muscles of military power which the whole world knows we possess in terrifying abundance." [X]

(7) What specific proposals would King have to make? Reply: I have not formulated specific proposals for ending the war and I am not sure I have competence in that area. [X]

(8) Is King seriously thinking of going to Vietnam and under what circumstances? Reply: "I have no plans to go to Vietnam." [X]

(9) Will King's letter also be sent to the United Nations? Reply: There are no plans for a letter to the United Nations because it is not a combatant nor an ally of any combatant. This does not imply it has no role. Its role is substantial but different. [X]

(10) Will King contact United States officials concerning his plans; for example, Governors, Senators, Representatives or diplomats? Reply: "I have no body of plans which could be the subject of discussions. I am expressing a point of view which will be self-explanatory; and I sincerely hope useful for those who have the responsibility to make plans." [X]

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Martin Luther King, Jr.

(11) King states that he is following a path of non-violence but Reverend James Bevel recently made statements indicating that he is more militant. Can King reconcile this and is Bevel speaking for the Southern Christian Leadership Conference or as an individual? (Bevel is a member of King's staff on the Southern Christian Leadership Conference, which organization King heads.) Reply: "The emphasis James Bevel places on peace activity in relation to civil rights activity differs from mine because I am not presently proposing any change in the direction or the character of our civil rights work. He has the right to express his analysis and has done so." ~~EX~~

(12) Reverend Bevel stated that the civil rights movement has been legislated out of business. Will King comment on this? Reply: "I do not agree with James Bevel's view that the civil rights movement has been legislated out of existence. We still have so far to go I cannot see the end of the road even now. I see the need for a multiplicity of additional legislative reforms which will take years of struggle fully to achieve." ~~EX~~

NOTE:

b7(c) See memorandum, Baumgardner to Sullivan 8/16/65, same caption, ~~SECRET~~ Classified "Secret" because the basic information contained above was obtained from ~~SECRET~~ highly sensitive source in the racial field. ~~EX~~ b(2) b7(D)

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : Mr. W. C. Sullivan

DATE: 8/16/65

FROM : F. J. Baumgardner

SUBJECT: MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.
SECURITY MATTER - COMMUNIST

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Prior memoranda from F. J. Baumgardner to Mr. Sullivan have reported on King's involvement in the Vietnam situation and the influence which Stanley David Levison, the long-time communist, has on King. [X]

[REDACTED] b(2) 57(D) has advised that conversations between Levison and Dora McDonald, secretary to King, disclosed that "The New York Times" had asked King to answer 12 questions. King desired Levison to prepare proposed answers which he did and gave to McDonald for King's approval. [X]

ACTION:

We have prepared a letterhead memorandum which depicts the Levison influence on King in this instance and includes the 12 questions and Levison's proposed replies to them. Attached for approval and forwarding are copies of the letterhead memorandum to go by routing slips to the White House, Secretary of State Rusk, the Attorney General, the Deputy Attorney General, and Assistant Attorneys General Yeagley and Doar. [X]

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Enc. *sent 8-16-65*

- 1 - Mr. Belmont
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MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR., SM-C SECURITY
MATTER - COMMUNIST

Mr. Tolson	✓
Mr. Belmont	✓
Mr. Mohr	✓
Mr. DeLoach	✓
Mr. Casper	✓
Mr. Callahan	✓
Mr. Conrad	✓
Mr. Felt	✓
Mr. Gale	✓
Mr. Rosen	✓
Mr. Sullivan	✓
Mr. Tavel	✓
Mr. Trotter	✓
Tele. Room	✓
Miss Holmes	✓
Miss Gandy	✓

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REFERENCE ATLANTA TELETYPE OF AUGUST TWENTYTHREE SIXTYFIVE,
REPORTING SUBJECT-S PRESENCE IN NEW YORK CITY, THE PURPOSE
BEING UNKNOWN.

ON AUGUST TWENTYFOUR, SIXTYFIVE, A PRETEXT INTERVIEW WITH
THE HILTON HOTEL REGISTRATION DESK DISCLOSED THAT KING AND
PARTY WERE REGISTERED IN SUITE THREE ZERO ONE ONE.

A PHYSICAL SURVEILLANCE OF STANLEY LEVISON AND AT THE
HOTEL DID NOT REVEAL THAT LEVISON VISITED KING.

ON AUGUST TWENTYFIVE, SIXTYFIVE, "THE NEW YORK TIMES"
PAGE THREE, COLUMN FIVE, REPORTS THAT UNITED NATIONS AMBASSADOR
GOLDBERG HAD INVITED KING TO VISIT HIM TO DISCUSS HIS FEELINGS
ON VIETNAM. THE PAPER REPORTS THAT IT IS HOPED THAT SUCH A
MEETING CAN TAKE PLACE THIS WEEK.

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IN VIEW OF THIS INFORMATION, IT IS POSSIBLE THAT
KING IS IN NEW YORK FOR THIS PURPOSE. HOWEVER, NONE OF NEW
YORK SOURCES HAVE FURNISHED ANY INFORMATION REGARDING KING.

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FBI WASH DC

CC-MR. SULLIVAN

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EX 105
100-106670-1766

August 25, 1965

[REDACTED] 1942
West Chester, Pennsylvania b7(c)

Dear [REDACTED]

Your letter of August 20th has been received, and the concern which prompted you to write is understandable. I want to thank you for your generous comments concerning my administration of the FBI and it is hoped that my future endeavors continue to meet with your approval.

In response to your inquiries, information in our files must be maintained as confidential pursuant to regulations of the Department of Justice. I am sure you will understand the reason for this policy and why I am not in a position to comment as you desire.

Enclosed is some material which I trust you will find of interest.

Sincerely yours,
J. Edgar Hoover

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Enclosures (2)

Our Heritage of Greatness

U. S. News & World Report 12-21-64
P. - Philadelphia - Enclosure

NOTE: There is no record of correspondent in Bufiles. In summary, [REDACTED] states that the Director is one of the finest Americans in our history. He is a 22-year old college student who is doing free-lance

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writing. He requests information on communism and wants to know specifically if Martin Luther King is a communist or if there is any communist infiltration of the civil rights movement. He indicates that he feels the Society of Friends is a communist group and mentions that he has heard that the Tanguy Homesteads area was a communist community. The Tanguy Homesteads, according to our files, is a housing development built under the auspices of Quakerism. The Society of Friends is known to the Bureau.

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West Chester, Penna.
August 20, 1965

J. Edgar Hoover, Director
Federal Bureau of Investigation
Washington, D.C.

Dear Mr. Hoover:

1-9-81 SP4JRM/A
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As I am certain you must receive thousands of letters daily from American citizens, it is doubtful that you will ever read this one. However, I hope someone can answer a few of my questions.

First, I should state that I think you have been and are one of the finest Americans through our history, and one of the few, true men of stature in free American Government. I think it is shameful that rights movement people, like M.L. King, should criticize the F.B.I. and the police in general across the land, and be sanctioned and lauded for doing so. I think it equally wrong that a man of your quiet, sure, and constant greatness and achievement should be quieted and disturbed by higher officials, as the case appears to me.

I am 22 years of age, studying history at the local college, as well doing some small-publication free-lance writing, and I am intently interested in learning if the Communist Threat inside America is a real and large thing today, as some people say. Also, I am interested in learning if the Rights Movement, or parts of it, are involved in undermining our democratic system.

For example, we sometimes hear people blurt that, "Martin Luther King is (or was) a member of the Communist Party." Can this be proven? Are the statements by some that the Rights Movement "Is entirely planned and designed to bring about a Soviet America," valid? Perhaps these are simply the cries of unreasonable who do not like the negro, and, if this is true, you, personally, are tired of hearing it. But if there is truth to these cries, I would like to assist in democratically combating a threat. For, if personal freedom is overtaken, then all of my interests and involvements, like history, could be taken, as well as the free choices of all Americans.

I have many personal questions concerning a leftist threat, locally, also, and perhaps you could refer my questions to someone who has knowledge of the Chester County, Suburban Philadelphia, Pa. area. I think you should understand that I am not, even figuratively,

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a Communist 'witch hunt' but desperately desire truth, distorted fact in these matters and this is why I have written to you. Nationally, perhaps you could refer me to certain books or reports that would bring me to a true understanding of the Communist question and threat.

Locally, I might here report a few things, which are probably occurring in thousands of towns in America, I do not know. Firstly, the Human Relations Commission in West Chester, founded about four years ago, and other alphabetized factions of the rights movement, have been making agitation all this summer in the government, particularly the school board, attempting to establish 'review boards' and the like, to transcend the decisions of the governing, elected body. They want to right alleged "injustice" and discrimination in the schools and in the town. Frankly, this is totally unnecessary, as our town has been working quietly and surely for and with the negro since 1760. It can and has been laid out for them, as documented, historical evidence, but to avail. They continue to accuse, agitate, and instigate in this area, and have many non-negroes with them.

Just now, I feel how silly my writing this to you must seem when it is read. Locally, though, it is important.

I personally feel that this friction is stemming from leftist groups who have masked themselves, especially, behind the Society of Friends in our area for years. I would like to know if this can be proven, if the F.B.I. is interested in such matters, and if it is possible to obtain a list of known Communists, or sympathizers, in a given area. For example, when these people write their long letters of condemnation (of any aspect of our system) in the newspaper, and if they are Communists, I feel it should be reported in a following letter to the public. Am I way off base on this?

Four years ago I was told an almost incredible story of a place called Tanguy Homesteads where Communists actually live together, and hold instructive meetings for their children in a converted barn on the premises. This place is located near Cheyney, in upper Delaware County, Chester County, Penna. I was told this story by an extremely truthful boy of my age who lived there, with his parents, for a year. They had just moved here from the midwest, and purchased the first house they could find, which happened to be at Tanguy Homesteads. When they discovered what lay underneath this housing development (built in the forties under the auspices of Quakerism) they moved out.

This boy told me, as have others since, that several people in Tanguy Homesteads and the surrounding area (for the clique is not limited to the outlines of the development), are teachers who were dismissed from their profession at Phila. area schools because they were members of the Communist Party. It is a very odd section. The development itself is built, physically, quite unlike any modern housing development, is off the mainstream of things, (not ostentatious or near main arteries, like most), and when one drives through the place people peek from windows, doorways, staring at you.

It is the people who live here and their friends in the area who have been behind the Human Relations groups in West Chester, the "Ban the Bomb" marches, the "Get out of Vietnam" campaigns, and other, unfounded accusations and trouble in general.

Mr. Hoover, I do not wish to sound overly-suspicious, because I am not. And I can not say that these people are subversive, or Communists, for I have no concrete evidence. Could you possibly help straighten me out on a few of these important questions?

Hoping to hear from you.

Sincerely,

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RE: BERNARD S. LEE V. CLARENCE M. KELLEY, ET AL.
(U.S.D.C., D.C.) CIVIL ACTION NUMBER 76-1185

SOUTHERN CHRISTIAN LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE (SCLC)
V. CLARENCE M. KELLEY, ET AL (U.S.D.C., D.C.)
CIVIL ACTION NUMBER 76-1186

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : Mr. DeLoach *Da*

DATE: 8-24-65

FROM : D. C. Morrell *DCM*

SUBJECT: [REDACTED]

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CINCINNATI 13, OHIO

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By letter dated 8-18-65 addressed to the FBI, captioned individual referred to reprint material sent to him in connection with a previous inquiry and claimed he understands the FBI's policy of not making evaluations and noted that Senator Dodd's speech on the Floor of the Senate on 2-25-65 was very informative. However, he claimed he was confused and then attempted to explore several issues currently in the news involving the FBI, civil rights, Martin Luther King and others. Prior to this communication, there is no record in Bufiles for [REDACTED]

b7(c) - [REDACTED] claims he originally inquired about Karl Prussion and wanted the verification of statements about Martin Luther King. From this point, he theorizes that if Prussion's statements are true, it is inconceivable that anyone with the integrity and moral courage of Mr. Hoover could remain as head of the FBI which has contributed tremendously to the success of Mr. King's nonviolent campaigns. He claims he cannot remember whether Mr. Hoover has spoken out publicly against such nonviolent actions. [REDACTED] claims it is his purpose to obtain advice or the source to which he might turn in order to obtain data to assist him to return this era to order.

OBSERVATIONS:

It would appear that [REDACTED] is merely attempting to be argumentative because he alludes to the alleged communist tactics and connections of Martin Luther King, Dodd's speech concerning civil rights matters and the FBI, and wonders whether Mr. Hoover has spoken out on these issues. Senator Dodd fully covers the FBI's position in the civil rights area and even mentions the fact that the Director called King a notorious liar. As a result, it is felt that [REDACTED] is merely pursuing a feigned, naive position in order to press or embarrass anyone who fails to answer in accordance with his beliefs. While we normally would like to straighten out people who assume positions or attitudes against the Bureau, it is felt it will be futile in this case as [REDACTED] has already been afforded Bureau reprint material which answers his charges.

Enclosure

1 - Mr. DeLoach - Enclosure

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D. C. Morrell to Mr. DeLoach memorandum

Re: [REDACTED] b7(c)

RECOMMENDATIONS:

1. That his letter not be acknowledged.
2. That a copy of his communication be sent to the Cincinnati Division by the attached routing slip for its information.

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MAJ S/a

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8-24-65

Date

RE:

CINCINNATI 13, OHIO

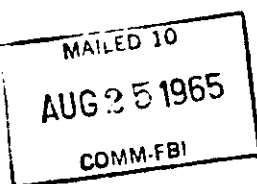
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☒ For information ☐ Retention optional ☐ For appropriate action ☐ Surep, by _____

☐ The enclosed is for your information. If used in a future report, ☐ conceal all sources, ☐ paraphrase contents.

☐ Enclosed are corrected pages from report of SA _____ dated _____

Remarks: Bureau is not acknowledging his communication.



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Cincinnati 13, Ohio
Aug. 18, 1965

United States Dept. of Justice,
Federal Bureau of Investigation,
Washington, D.C. 20535

Gentlemen:

I thank you for your prompt response to recent literature I sent you which accused Martin Luther King of being affiliated with the Communist movement. Your congressional record speech by Senator Dodd was very informative and your paper entitled 'FBI jurisdiction does not cover making evaluations' was quite understandable.

However, I am as completely confused as ever, and if nothing else, perhaps you could refer me to where I could get some information.

First of all, I never once doubted the integrity of Mr. Hoover of the FBI, so the speech by Senator Dodd, though quite informative, has come nowhere near to answering my basic confusion, or I am sure of many other people such as myself who have the same doubts.

In the literature I originally sent to your office was a sworn affidavit by Karl Prussion, an FBI counterspy, that at each and every Communist meeting he attended the Rev. Martin Luther King was always set forth as the individual to whom Communists should look and rally around in the Communist struggle on the many racial issues. He also states that 'Martin Luther King has either been a member of, or wittingly has accepted support from, over 60 Communist fronts, individuals, and/or organizations, which give aid to or espouse Communist causes.'

If this is all true then let us face some facts. The overwhelming advances made in the civil rights campaigns recently have been instigated and led by Martin Luther King. He is the one whose footsteps the great majority follow. His policies have basically been the ones that have led to the passage of the civil rights and voting rights bills. If so, then according to Karl Prussion, everything Martin Luther King has done and gained seems to be completely Communist directed and organized, according to my way of thinking!

If so, how can a man of the integrity and moral courage of Mr. Hoover remain head of a bureau that is actively engaged in a continuous effort to remove all obstacles in the way of complete success of the Communist movement to capitalize on the American Negro? The FBI has contributed tremendously to the success of Martin Luther King's non-violent campaigns, and as far as I can remember Mr. Hoover has never spoken out publicly against such non-violent actions. If what Mr. Prussion says is true, it would seem to me that Mr. Hoover would quit his post before enforcing civil rights and voting rights that were, in effect, drawn up by the Communists themselves.

To sum it up, let's give people like myself some answers, or at least refer us to a responsible source where we can get some answers. I want to see the Negro gain equal rights, but if non-violent action such as Martin Luther King advocates is completely Communist in substance, what shall people like myself do? Join violent civil rights groups, or club the Negroes back into submission for the time being, back into their ghetto and lowly inferior status, with the hope that in another century or two they will somehow work it out among themselves to acquire the wisdom and knowledge that we whites already have?

I would sincerely appreciate any advice or assistance you could offer,

REC-76
Sincerely Yours, 100-106670-1763

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25 AUG 20 1965

CORRESPONDENT

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI

DATE: 8/18/65

FROM : SAC, LOS ANGELES (100-65106)

SUBJECT: [REDACTED]

INFORMATION CONCERNING

Enclosed herewith are the original and seven (7) copies of a letterhead memorandum (LHM) concerning a telephone call made to the Los Angeles Office on August 17, 1965 by an individual identifying himself as [REDACTED] who indicated an intent to do physical harm to MARTIN LUTHER KING, who planned to visit Los Angeles concerning the current Negro riot.

The call was immediately relayed to the Los Angeles Police Department and Los Angeles County Sheriff's Office for whatever action they deemed appropriate.

A copy of this letterhead memorandum is also being furnished to Secret Service, Los Angeles.

AGENCY: ACSI, ONI, OSI, SEC. SER.;

DEPT: ISD, CRD, RAO

DATE FORW: 8-22-65

HOW FORW: [REDACTED]

BY: [REDACTED]

O-17 to Los Angeles

Copy to ATLANTA - Enclosed in 1 copy each

Date 8/23/65

By SEP/65

Remarks Failed to advise ATLANTA.

See Encl. 4/18/65 for all other

re threats against King's life.

(2 - Bureau (Encls. 8) (REGISTERED)

(2 - Los Angeles

(1 - 100-57229 MARTIN LUTHER KING)

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Copy to LHM secret service

by routing slip to FD-376

[] info [] action

date 8/23/65

by [REDACTED]

51 AUG 22 1965

1-AERH [REDACTED]
 Rec & cc LHM
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CC - 100-106670

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3 AUG 20 1965



UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

WASHINGTON, D.C. 20535

In Reply, Please Refer to
File No.

Chief
United States Secret Service
Department of the Treasury
Washington, D. C. 20220

Dear Sir:

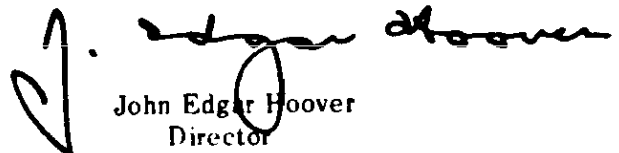
The information furnished herewith concerns an individual who is believed to be covered by the agreement between the FBI and Secret Service concerning Presidential protection, and to fall within the category or categories checked.

1. ☐ Has attempted or threatened bodily harm to any government official or employee, including foreign government officials residing in or planning an imminent visit to the U. S., because of his official status.
2. ☐ Has attempted or threatened to redress a grievance against any public official by other than legal means.
3. ☐ Because of background is potentially dangerous; or has been identified as member or participant in communist movement; or has been under active investigation as member of other group or organization inimical to U. S.
4. ☐ U. S. citizens or residents who defect from the U. S. to countries in the Soviet or Chinese Communist blocs and return.
5. ☒ Subversives, ultrarightists, racists and fascists who meet one or more of the following criteria:
 - (a) ☐ Evidence of emotional instability (including unstable residence and employment record) or irrational or suicidal behavior;
 - (b) ☐ Expressions of strong or violent anti-U. S. sentiment;
 - (c) ☒ Prior acts (including arrests or convictions) or conduct or statements indicating a propensity for violence and antipathy toward good order and government.
6. ☐ Individuals involved in illegal bombing or illegal bomb-making.

Photograph ☐ has been furnished ☐ enclosed ☐ is not available

☒ may be available through the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Office.

Very truly yours,


John Edgar Hoover
Director

1 - Special Agent in Charge (Enclosure(s))
U. S. Secret Service Los Angeles (REGISTERED)

Enclosure(s)

(Upon removal of classified enclosures, if any, this transmittal form becomes UNCLASSIFIED.)



UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Los Angeles, California
August 18, 1965

In Reply, Please Refer to
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[REDACTED] also known as
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On August 17, 1965, at approximately 3:05 a.m. [REDACTED] telephonically contacted the Los Angeles Office of the FBI in what appeared to be a semi-intoxicated condition. After first inquiring concerning the present whereabouts of Dr. Martin Luther King who has announced plans to visit Los Angeles, [REDACTED] then stated that King was responsible for the present Negro riot in Los Angeles, was a "trouble maker," and "rabble-rouser," and that he, [REDACTED], would be a sniper and shoot King down. [REDACTED] noted that he had a rifle and was willing to die for this purpose. [REDACTED]

The caller reluctantly identified himself as [REDACTED] and as residing at [REDACTED], Los Angeles. He related that he was [REDACTED] of age, a movie script writer, a former actor (for which the name [REDACTED] was adopted although his true name was [REDACTED] who had been nominated [REDACTED] unsuccessfully for an Academy Award.

At the conclusion of the call, [REDACTED] stated that although he had been calmed down from his original anger, he had not changed his mind.

Records of the Los Angeles Office of the FBI contain no identifiable information concerning [REDACTED] or [REDACTED]

The Los Angeles County Sheriff's Office has telephonically advised of a minor arrest record for [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] details of which are not immediately available.

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RENO

[REDACTED]

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An available description from records of the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Office is as follows:

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Name	[REDACTED]
Also known as	[REDACTED]
Born	[REDACTED]
Height	5'11"
Weight	160
Hair	Gray
Eyes	Brown
Peculiarities	[REDACTED]

The foregoing was furnished to the Los Angeles Police Department and Los Angeles County Sheriff's Office by Special Agent [REDACTED] on August 17, 1965 at 3:30 a.m.

This document contains neither recommendations nor conclusions of the FBI. It is the property of the FBI and is loaned to your agency; it and its contents are not to be distributed outside your agency.

August 23, 1965

REC-41 100-106670-1761

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EX-101

Bloomington, California 92316

Dear [REDACTED]

Your letter of August 16th has been received, and my associates join me in thanking you for your kind sentiments.

In response to your request, information in our files must be maintained as confidential pursuant to regulations of the Department of Justice. I am sure you will understand the reason for this policy and why I am not in a position to comment as you desire.

Enclosed is some material which I trust you will find of interest.

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

MAILED 30

AUG 23 1965

COMM-FBI

Enclosures (2)

"Our Heritage of Greatness"

U.S. News & World Report - 12/7/64

NOTE: There is no derogatory information in Bufiles concerning correspondent and we last corresponded with him on 8/17/50.

KLS:rcp
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Mr. Tolson
Mr. Belmont
Mr. Mohr
Mr. DeLoach
Mr. Casper
Mr. Callahan
Mr. Conrad
Mr. Felt
Mr. Gale
Mr. Rosen
Mr. Sullivan
Mr. Tavel
Mr. Trotter
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Miss Holmes
Miss Gandy

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FBI
READING ROOM

O-1 T^o Atlanta
8-31-65
Re Bureau let 7.26.65
re: [unclear] file name
of a [unclear] [unclear]
(phonetic)
[unclear] [unclear]
SEP 1965

[REDACTED]
BLOOMINGTON,

CALIFORNIA
[REDACTED]

August 16, 1965

Hon. J. Edgar Hoover,
Federal Bureau Of Investigation
Washington-D. C.

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DATE 12-19-80 BY SP4 JON/LL
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Dear Sir:

My people in this church and as an officer of our
ministerial alliance, wish certain information
that you do doubt have available in these troublesome
times.

The question is this, is Martin Luther King a Communist
or is he aligned in any way ^{with} subversive organizations,
to your knowledge of information?

If, you donot care to make a statement by letter, would
you advise one of your agents in this area to telephone
me about this matter, so that I may place my people at
ease on some of the many rumors flying about?

Praying God's blessings upon you and every one of your
loyal fine men and workers there and everywhere.

I am,

Sincerely,
[REDACTED]

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[REDACTED]

CORRESPONDENCE
[Signature]

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☐ AIRGRAM ☐ CABLEGRAM ☒ RADIO ☐ TELETYPE

R-29

URGENT 8-20-65
 TO DIRECTOR AND ATLANTA
 FROM LOS ANGELES 210030

MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR., SM-C.

RE LOS ANGELES TEL AUGUST 19 LAST.

KING DID NOT MEET WITH LABOR LEADERS TODAY. LAST
 MINUTE PREPARATIONS FAILED TO MATERIALIZE.

KING HELD NEWS CONFERENCE NOON TODAY INTERNATIONAL
 HOTEL, LOS ANGELES. NO MENTION OF VIETNAM. NEWS CONFERENCE
 COVERED KINGS ASSESSMENT OF LA RIOTS AND HIS MEETING AUGUST 19
 LAST WITH MAYOR YORTY AND POLICE CHIEF PARKER. KING STATED
 UNDERLYING CAUSE OF RIOTS ECONOMIC AND GREW OUT OF DEPTHS OF
 DESPAIR OF NEGROES. STATED YORTY, PARKER AND LOCAL LEADERS
 LACKING IN STATESMANSHIP NEEDED FOR DEALING WITH NEGRO PROBLEMS.
 COMPLIMENTED GOVERNOR BROWN ON HIS UNDERSTANDING OF SITUATION.

KING STATED HE WAS IN CONTACT WITH WHITE HOUSE THIS
 MORNING AND REQUESTED APPOINTMENT WITH PRESIDENT IN NEAR
 FUTURE.

LHM FOLLOWS.

RECEIVED: 12:52 AM 8-21-65 MLT

EX 110

RELAYED TO ATLANTA.

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100-106670-1760

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If the intelligence contained in the above message is to be disseminated outside the Bureau, it is suggested that it be suitably paraphrased in order to protect the Bureau's cryptographic systems.

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Burke
 [REDACTED]
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Travis
6-7-70
John

8-16-65
John

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 [REDACTED]
advised

RE: BERNARD S. LEE V. CLARENCE M. KELLEY, ET AL.
(U.S.D.C., D.C.) CIVIL ACTION NUMBER 76-1185

SOUTHERN CHRISTIAN LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE (SCLC)
V. CLARENCE M. KELLEY, ET AL (U.S.D.C., D.C.)
CIVIL ACTION NUMBER 76-1186

Serial 1759 pulled from this file under court order of
U.S. District Judge John Lewis Smith, Jr., and sent to
National Archives.

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100-106670 1758

August 23, 1965

AIRMAIL

EX 105

[REDACTED]

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Madrid, Spain

Dear [REDACTED]

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DATE 1-8-81 BY SP4 JRM/ld
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Mr. Hoover received your letter of August 16th and asked me to thank you for your generous remarks concerning his administration of the FBI. It is his hope our future endeavors will continue to merit such approbation.

It was indeed thoughtful of you to advise us of your impressions about living abroad.

Sincerely yours,

Helen W. Gandy
Secretary

Aug 23 12 18 PM '65
FBI READING ROOM

1 - Foreign Liaison Unit - Enclosure

NOTE: Bufiles contain one reference identifiable with [REDACTED] who, in 1963, told legal attache at Madrid of certain data that former Vice President Nixon wished to have forwarded to Mr. Hoover. Since no record could be ascertained as to his alleged meeting of Mr. Hoover, an in-absence reply is being sent.

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679
[REDACTED]
Madrid, Spain

16 August 1965

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Dear Mr. Hoover:

DATE 22-1-80 BY SP4 Jm/jk

I had the pleasure of meeting you on a few occasions many years ago when Lou Nichols was one of your top assistants, and I was with the March of Time, and subsequently one time with Dick Nixon and George Murphy. Always an admirer of yours, I wish to reaffirm my high opinion of you and your associates and your entire organization. It seems to me that all of you have been fighting for all of us in the United States day and night even since I can remember. I do not see how you have managed to survive the hatred, the intrigue and the jealousy that your actions on behalf of our nation have aroused in so many small minds (and in some not so small, and bent on destroying you and our nation). I am grateful that you have survived, and that you have persisted unswervingly on the path that all decent Americans know is best for our country.

Living and working abroad as I have for the past few years, I have often had occasion to visit our various embassies, notably in London and Madrid, and always the FBI representative seemed to be the real American in that Embassy (or is he one of the Vanishing Americans?), backed up usually by the naval and military attaches and the U.S. Marines, all motivated the same way. Reading your speeches over here, I am struck by the fact that in this so-called backward country of Spain, crimes of violence are so rare as to be remarkable; children and young adults respect their parents and their elders; women and children -- and men -- are safe in the streets. Honor and responsibility are important factors, and respect for the family and for God are not things to be swept under the table. This may not be a democracy (nor, as you know well, is it the dictatorship that some of our liberals bleed about while they are urging us to get out of Viet Nam or Santo Domingo or wherever we might damage the Communist plan), but the simple, proud, decent Spaniard is a man of character, and not too proud to work for a living, or to serve his country. It is true they have almost no racial problems, but neither do they have juvenile delinquency in measurable degree. REC-47 110-102670-11

I wish more Americans today had the qualities that you extol, and that we would hear more of civil responsibility and less of often-unmerited rights. At the current rate I expect that words like honor, duty, loyalty, integrity, responsibility and work will soon be listed in the dictionaries as "archaic", but not so long as we have men like you in our country.

My warmest good wishes, Mr. Hoover.

Very respectfully
[REDACTED]

P.S. Has anyone ever discovered how Martin Luther King really got the Nobel Prize? Like Hitler this man states his plans in advance.

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Date: 8/18/65

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(Type in plaintext or code)Via AIRTEL

(Priority)

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (100-442529)

FROM: SAC, NEW YORK (100-153735)

SUBJECT: CIRM
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(OO: NY)1-7-81
CLASSIFIED AND
EXTENDED BY SP4 Jmm/lan
REASON FOR EXTENSION 2
FCIM, II, 1-2.4.2
DATE OF REVIEW FOR
DECLASSIFICATION 8-18-81
6076Re New York teletype, 8/17/65, concerning plans of
MARTIN LUTHER KING and BAYARD RUSTIN to go to Los Angeles,
California, 8/17/65.Enclosed are ten copies of a letterhead memorandum
reporting information contained in referenced communication.
Two copies are furnished for benefit of Atlanta, and one copy
furnished for the information of Los Angeles.The source of the information in the letterhead
memorandum was [REDACTED] b(2) b(7)(D)The sources who furnished characterizations of
individuals mentioned in the letterhead memorandum were as
follows:

- 4 - Bureau (100-442529) (Encls. 10) (RM)
 (1) - 100-106670 (MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.)
 2 - Atlanta (100-6670) (Encls. 2) (Info) (RM)
 (1 - 100-5586) (MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.)
 1 - Los Angeles (100-) (Encl. 1) (Info) (RM)
 1 - New York (100-46729) (BAYARD RUSTIN) (42)
 1 - New York (100-133062) (RACHELLE HOROWITZ)
 1 - New York (100-136585) (MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.) (42)
 1 - New York (100-148289) (HARRY WACHTEL) (42)
 1 - New York (100-149194) (COMINFIL SCLC) (41)
 1 - New York (100-153735) (42)

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APPROPRIATE AGENCIES
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Approved: _____
Special Agent in Charge

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This letterhead memorandum is classified "Secret" because it contains information from [REDACTED] a source which furnishes highly sensitive information in regard to the racial situation in the New York area and the Communist infiltration thereof. In view of this fact, the NYO considers the "Secret" classification necessary to protect the source.

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

In Reply, Please Refer to
File No.

New York, New York
August 18, 1965

Bureau 100-442529

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REASON FOR EXTENSION 2
FCIM, II, 1-2.4.2
DATE OF REVIEW FOR DECLASSIFICATION 8-18-81
6076

Re: Communist Influence In Racial Matters
Internal Security - C

A confidential source, who has furnished reliable information in the past, advised on August 17, 1965, that Martin Luther King (President of the Southern Christian Leadership Conference, SCLC), and Bayard Rustin (Organizer of the March on Washington), were in contact earlier during that day for the purpose of discussing the Los Angeles, California riots. It was during that contact that King persuaded Rustin to join him in that City on August 17, 1965. King said he and Bernard Lee (King's assistant) would arrive in Los Angeles at 12:45, Pacific Standard Time, aboard National Airlines Flight 41. He said he would be joined by Andrew Young (Executive Director, SCLC), who would arrive before noon. Rustin said he would take American Airlines Flight 37, which arrives Los Angeles at 10:20 AM, August 17, 1965.

The source advised that shortly after Rustin's contact with King, he (Rustin) was in contact with Harry Wachtel, during which time he informed him of King's plans to go to Los Angeles. Rustin said in view of King's plans and at his request, he (Rustin), drew up a five point program for King's use while in Los Angeles. The points, as enumerated by Rustin, were:

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Re: Communist Influence In Racial Matters
Internal Security - C

1. "To minister to the thousands of Negroes innocent of any wrong doing, and who have lost homes and jobs, and to pledge the SCLC to morally and financially assist these people."
2. "Visit those Negroes in jail in an attempt to find ways in which they can help restore damage they have done, and attempt to redeem themselves."
3. "To keep and maintain sympathy and communication with the white sympathizers and work out programs to prevent future disturbances."
4. "To confer with local government leaders if they so desire."
5. "To present his own plans for immediate and long range action to clergymen and other leaders."

Rustin said that King planned to visit religious leaders, prisons and temporary homes of displaced persons in order to get a first hand report.

The situation regarding King's visit, according to Rustin, "is delicate as we do not want him to be accused of going out there and starting trouble."

Rustin, after talking with Wachtel, was in contact with a confidante, Rachelle Horowitz, on August 17, 1965. He told her of his plans to go to California to be with King and in view of that, instructed her to contact the White House in Washington, D.C., and inform someone there that he would be late in submitting his document which is due on August 20, 1965 (document he is preparing for the conference of civil rights leaders scheduled for November, 1965).

Horowitz, in regard to the Los Angeles situation, suggested to Rustin that he contact Michael Hannon, a former police officer (Los Angeles Police Department), who was suspended for participating in civil rights demonstrations, and William Becker, a former officer, because they "may know things about the situation". Horowitz said both men now work in Governor Brown's office.

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Re: Communist Influence In Racial Matters
Internal Security - C

On June 22, 1958, a confidential source, who has furnished reliable information in the past, advised that Rachelle Horowitz was a member of the New York unit of the Young Socialist League (YSL). []

On June 22, 1958, another confidential source, who has furnished reliable information in the past, advised that information made available to him in June, 1958, reflected that Rachelle Horowitz was a member of the New York unit of the YSL. []

Another confidential source, who has furnished reliable information in the past, advised that Rachelle Horowitz attended a Lower Manhattan Branch meeting of the Young People's Socialist League on July 8, 1960. []

A characterization of the YSL is attached. []

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Communist Influence In Racial Matters

In "The Saturday Evening Post", issue of July 11-18, 1964, page 76, Bayard Rustin is the subject of a feature article captioned: "The Lone Wolf of Civil Rights". In it, Rustin is said to have come to New York in 1938, as an organizer for the Young Communist League (YCL), and as such, he had the job of recruiting students for the "Party". Furthermore, the article reports that during his first years in New York, Rustin gave most of his earnings to the "Party". He reportedly left the "Party" in 1941, the article states. [U]

The YCL has been designated pursuant to Executive Order 10450. [U]

The "Daily Worker", February 11, 1957, page 1 column 2, reported that Bayard Rustin, Executive Secretary, War Resisters League, was an observer at the 16th National Convention of the Communist Party, United States of America (CP, USA), held in New York City, on February 9-12, 1957. [U]

The "Daily Worker" was an East Coast Communist publication until it ceased publication on January 13, 1958. [U]

[REDACTED] [U]

Another confidential source, who has furnished reliable information in the past, advised on February 19, 20, 1964, that Bayard Rustin contacted Benjamin J. Davis on those dates [U] (u)

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Communist Influence In Racial Matters

and sought his advice as to how he could escape from a speaking engagement to which he was committed. On the latter contact, Davis told Rustin that he was working on his request and had contacted friends who had contacts with the group to which Rustin was to speak. [U]

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"The New York Times", August 24, 1964, page 27, column 4, reports that Benjamin J. Davis, National Secretary, CP, USA, died in New York City on the night of August 22, 1964. [U]

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Harry Wachtel is the Executive Vice President of the Gandhi Society for Human Rights, 15 East 40th Street, New York, New York. He resides at 29 Split Rock Drive, Kings Point, Long Island, New York. [U]

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A characterization of the National Lawyers Guild is attached hereto. []

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With respect to the Gandhi Society for Human Rights, it is to be noted that this organization is an adjunct of the Southern Christian Leadership Conference (SCLC), of which Martin Luther King, Jr., is the president, and serves to raise funds for the SCLC. [U]

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APPENDIX

NATIONAL LAWYERS GUILD

The "Guide to Subversive Organizations and Publications," revised and published as of December 1, 1961, prepared and released by the Committee on Un-American Activities, United States House of Representatives, Washington, D.C., contains the following concerning the National Lawyers Guild: [U]

"National Lawyers Guild [U]

- "1. Cited as a Communist front.
(Special Committee on Un-American Activities, House Report 1311 on the CIO Political Action Committee, March 29, 1944, p. 149.) [U]
- "2. Cited as a Communist front which 'is the foremost legal bulwark of the Communist Party its front organizations, and controlled unions' and which 'since its inception has never failed to rally to the legal defense of the Communist Party and individual members thereof, including known espionage agents.'
(Committee on Un-American Activities, House Report 3123 on the National Lawyers Guild, September 21, 1950, originally released September 17, 1950.) [U]
- "3. 'To defend the cases of Communist lawbreakers, fronts have been devised making special appeals in behalf of civil liberties and reaching out far beyond the confines of the Communist Party itself. Among these organizations are the * * * National Lawyers Guild. When the Communist Party itself is under fire these offer a bulwark of protection.'
(Internal Security Subcommittee of the Senate Judiciary Committee, Handbook for Americans, S. Doc. 117, April 23, 1956, p. 91.)" [U]

YOUNG SOCIALIST LEAGUE (YSL)

The March 1, 1954, issue of the "Young Socialist Challenge," published as page three of "Labor Action," an official publication of the Independent Socialist League (ISL), contained an article concerning the creation of the YSL, which pointed out that at a unity conference occurring February 12-14, 1954, at Labor Action Hall, New York, New York, a merger occurred between the Young People's Socialist League (YPSL) and the Socialist Youth League (SYL). The new organization was named the YSL.

A confidential informant on June 15, 1954, made available the minutes of the YSL's National Action Committee meeting of April 13, 1954, which reflected that one S. SITEMAN, "Chairman of SP (Socialist Party) Youth Committee," had objected to a statement appearing in "Commerce," a New York University journal, which indicated that the YPSL merged with the SYL to form the YSL. He explained that the YPSL did not merge with anyone, that it continued to exist as the youth section of the Socialist Party. He explained that a small group of the YPSL was dropped, expelled, or suspended from that organization and joined the SYL, which he characterized as the youth group of the "Trotskyite ISL." He explained that after these few former members of the YPSL joined the SYL, the SYL then proceeded to change its name for its own purposes.

On April 9, 1956, another confidential informant advised as follows: [U]

The YSL has frequently worked in close sympathetic cooperation with the ISL toward similar objectives, although each major issue given mutual consideration is decided upon by these organizations individually. The YSL serves as an apprenticeship for the ISL, but ISL selection of members from YSL ranks is made on an individual and personal basis. In many instances YSL members are also members of the ISL. [U]

YOUNG SOCIALIST LEAGUE (YSL) CONT'D.

The YSL and ISL utilize the same printing house in New York City and the YSL publication is printed as an insert in "Labor Action." Frequently, lecturers before the YSL are ISL members. [U]

The September 22, 1958, issue of "Young Socialist Challenge," which appeared as page five of "Labor Action," contained an undated statement from the National Action Committee of the YSL which indicated that the YSL had been dissolved. The statement appeared under the caption "Join the Young Peoples Socialist League." [U]

The YPSL is publicly known as the youth affiliate of the Socialist Party-Social Democratic Federation. [U]

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BERNARD S. LEE V. CLARENCE M. KELLEY, ET AL.
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RACIAL SITUATION - LOS ANGELES, CALIF. -RM. b7(c)

MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. -SM--C.

RE NEW YORK TEL AUGUST FOURTEEN INSTANT. [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] REPORTED ON AUGUST
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FOLLOWING PRESS RELEASE ON BEHALF OF MARTIN LUTHER KING RE RACIAL
SITUATION IN LOS ANGELES.. [REDACTED]

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"I KNOW THAT YOU HAVE GRIEVANCES THAT ARE HARD TO LIVE WITH - I KNOW
THAT ANY NEGRO CAN REACH THE END OF HIS PATIENCE AND WANT TO STRIKE OUT
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AND STRIKE BACK. BUT IT IS NOT COURAGE NOR MILITANCY TO STRIKE OUT BLINDLY. OUR ENEMIES HAVE ALWAYS HOPED THAT WE WOULD LOSE OUR HEADS AND RIOT AGAINST THE GUILTY AND INNOCENT ALIKE. THIS ENABLES THEM TO ARGUE THAT WE HAVEN'T DECENCY OR GOOD SENSE. I SPEAK TO YOU AS ONE WHO HAD TO MARCH WITH OTHER NEGROES AGAINST GUNS, CLUBS, DOGS AND WHIPS AND WHO WON VICTORIES OVER CRUEL AND BARBAROUS SHERIFFS AND KLANSMEN. WE WON VICTORIES BECAUSE WE HAD A GREATER WEAPON - DISCIPLINE, COOL HEADS, AND IRON DETERMINATION NOT TO PROVOKE INTO VIOLENCE. OUR ADVERSARIES HAVE ALWAYS KNOWN WHAT TO DO WHEN WE LOST OUR HEADS - IT GAVE THEM A CHANCE TO BEAT OUT HEADS. THEY HAVE NEVER KNOWN WHAT TO DO WHEN WE REFUSED TO BE SUCKED INTO THE TRAP OF VIOLENCE. 8

"TONIGHT THE WHOLE WORLD IS WATCHING YOU. IF YOU WANT ALL AMERICA TO RESPECT YOU, IF YOU WANT THE WORLD TO KNOW THAT YOU ARE MEN, PUT DOWN YOUR WEAPONS AND YOUR ROCKS. GET A COMMITTEE TOGETHER TO DRAW UP DEMANDS. IF YOU WANT MY HELP I WILL SIT WITH YOU AND PLAN HOW TO IMPROVE YOUR CONDITIONS. 2

"NEGROES IN THE SOUTH WERE NOT LESS OPPRESSED THAN YOU AND WE HAVE RUN JIM CROW FROM THOUSANDS OF PLACES WITHOUT USING A ROCK OR A BULLET. 23
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WE MADE MILLIONS OF WHITE AMERICANS SICK AND ASHAMED OF THEIR PRACTICES AND BY OUR DISCIPLINE WON MANY TO OUR SIDE. YOU ARE HARMING YOURSELVES NOT THE SEGREGATIONISTS. TONIGHT IN THE SOUTH, THE SEGREGATIONIST IS DELIGHTED. HE HAS MADE YOU LOSE YOUR TEMPER AND FOR A FEW MOMENTS OF EMOTIONAL EXCITEMENT AND RELIEF YOU ARE CONDUCTING YOURSELF WITHOUT REASON, WITHOUT A NAME AND WITHOUT A GOAL. YOU ARE NOT AN ARMY OF NEGRO PEOPLE IF YOU FIGHT WITHOUT REASON. OUR PEOPLE ARE NOT RIOTERS AND ARE NOT LOOTERS. COME BACK TO OUR RANKS WHERE THERE IS ROOM FOR HONEST COURAGE AND MILITANCE - WHERE REAL AND PERMANENT VICTORIES HAVE BEEN WON AND WILL BE WON IN THE RIGHT WAY. —

"THE MAN WHO COOLS OFF, WHO PUTS DOWN HIS WEAPON AND STANDS UP WITH ONLY HIS BODY IS THE MAN OF COURAGE. DON-T LET US DOWN HERE IN THE SOUTH. DON-T DISCREDIT BRAVE NEGROES IN JAILS IN JOHANNESBURG. DON-T SET YOURSELF BACK. YOU CAN STILL WIN A GREAT VICTORY BY HALTING THE FIGHTING BECAUSE THERE IS MORE HONOR AND DIGNITY IN LOOKING THE OTHER SIDE SQUARELY IN THE EYE AND DEMANDING YOUR RIGHTS THAN THERE IS IN STRUGGLING IN BLIND FURY. IN THE NAME OF BRAVE NEGROES WHO HAVE DIED IN THE SOUTH OVER THE PAST TEN YEARS OF BITTER STRUGGLE, I APPEAL TO

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YOU TO END THE HOSTILITIES SO THAT TOGETHER WE CAN MARCH FORWARD FOR
REAL GAINS FOR OUR PEOPLE EVERYWHERE."

DORA STATED SHE WOULD RELAY THE STATEMENT TO KING FOR HIS APPROVAL.

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Enclosed to the Bureau is the original and 1 copy
of postcard postmarked Los Angeles, Calif., PM, Aug. 17,
1965, and addressed to "Governor Brown, Sacramento, Calif.",
which reads, "L.A., Cal., Dear Sir: King will be shot!!! even
by one of his so as to create greater havoc. Remember you
have been told!"

It is requested the handwriting be compared with
that in the Anonymous Letter File and Los Angeles advised
of the results.

Also enclosed for the Bureau are original and 6 copies
of a letterhead memorandum suitable for dissemination. One copy
of this letterhead has been furnished locally to Secret Service.

Enclosed for Los Angeles is a copy of the letterhead
memorandum and 2 copies of above-quoted postcard.

Enclosed for Atlanta is one copy of the letterhead
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August 20, 1965

UNKNOWN SUBJECT;
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Information was received on August 18, 1965, from John McInerney, Governor's Office, Sacramento, California, to the effect that an anonymous postcard was received on the morning of August 18, 1965, addressed to Governor Edmund G. Brown marked "Urgent." This card was postmarked at Los Angeles, California, during the afternoon hours of August 17, 1965. It stated, "Dear Sir, King will be shot!!! even by one of his so as to create greater havoc. Remember you ~~have~~ been told!"

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Re Los Angeles teletypes to the Director and Atlanta dated 8/17/65 and 8/18/65.

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A source, who has furnished reliable information in the past, advised on August 17, 1965, that King and party arrived at International Airport, Los Angeles, shortly after 1:00 p.m. on August 17, 1965, by National Airlines, flight 41. King was met by a security guard of several uniformed officers of the Los Angeles Police Department (LAPD), plain-clothesmen of the LAPD and airport guards, in addition to a large number of reporters, photographers and representatives of news media.

King held a press conference at the airport immediately after his arrival. A press release was distributed prior to the question and answer portion of the conference. In the press release King stressed the necessity for nonviolence in settling Negro problems and stated that it is the job of "all Americans to right the wrong from which such violence springs." He called for responsibility from both Negroes and Caucasians. The release stated that criminal responses are "environmental". The release stated that he had come to Los Angeles at the request of individuals and organizations, who were not identified by name, and that he had come to support "responsible" Negroes. The release listed a five point program which included ministering to thousands of Negroes innocent of any wrongdoing who have lost their homes and jobs and to pledge the support of the Southern Christian Leadership Conference (SCLC) to morally and financially assist these people; to visit Negroes in prison in an attempt to find ways in which they can help repair the damage done and attempt to redeem themselves; to maintain contact and communication with the white community and work out programs to prevent future disturbances of this serious nature; to confer with local government leaders if they so desire in an effort to try and eliminate problems that lead to rioting and to present his own ideas for immediate and long range action for consideration of local civic and political leaders.

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Source advised that during the question and answer portion of the press conference King was asked to give an evaluation of the rioting in Los Angeles and he stated that as yet he had not formed an accurate evaluation of the causes. When asked if he would meet with Chief of Police Parker, King gave no direct answer to the question.

Neither in the prepared release nor in the question and answer session was any reference made to Viet Nam.

The "Herald Examiner", a daily metropolitan Los Angeles newspaper, for August 17, 1965, section A, page 3, carried an article captioned "Dr. King Here to Wring Good From Evil". The article concerned the press conference King held at International Airport following his arrival and quoted him as stating that he had "come to listen" and that he would make no judgments until he had met with Negro and white leaders and visited the strife torn Watts area. He described the rioting as a "blind, misguided revolt against society and authority". King praised the leadership in the Negro community and named responsible Negro leaders in Los Angeles as the Reverend H. H. Brookins, head of the United Civil Rights Committee, Thomas Kilgore, Western Division Director for the SCLC, and Norman B. Houston, NAACP leader, all of Los Angeles.

The "Los Angeles Times", a daily metropolitan Los Angeles newspaper, for August 18, 1965, part 1, page 3, carried an article entitled "Dr. King Arrives Here to Study Riot Problems". The article quoted King, in referring to the Los Angeles riots, as stating, "This has been an evil situation." King stated that he definitely would tour the scene of the riots and hoped to visit the jails and "minister to those involved in the rioting". The article further states, "The Negro leader, whose visit was called untimely Monday by Governor Brown, said he came here at the invitation of a number of concerned individuals and major organizations." The article

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quotes King as blaming the rioting on "economic deprivation, social isolation, inadequate housing and general despair".

A second source, who has furnished reliable information in the past, advised on August 17, 1965, that King and his party, including Bayard Rustin (below), have rooms 458, 462, 464 and 465 at the International Hotel, 6211 West Century Boulevard, Los Angeles, adjacent to the International Airport, during their stay in Los Angeles.

On August 18, 1965, John Mc Inerney, Governor's Office, Sacramento, California, advised that an anonymous post card had been received on the morning of August 18, 1965, addressed to Governor Brown, marked urgent, which was postmarked at Los Angeles on August 17, 1965, which stated, "Dear Sir, King will be shot even by one of his so as to create greater havoc. Remember you been told."

[REDACTED] of the LAPD Intelligence Division, was immediately advised on August 18, 1965, of the threat.

[REDACTED] advised on August 18, 1965, that King was under heavy security protection and would be all of the time he was in Los Angeles, on a 24 hour basis. Six officers from the LAPD are assigned to King and his party for security. King has indicated that he plans to leave Los Angeles on Friday, August 20, 1965, but the time and destination were unknown to [REDACTED] as of August 18, 1965. b7C

[REDACTED] further advised that King had been denied permission to visit rioters in jail who had been arrested in connection with the Los Angeles riots the past week.

[REDACTED] further advised that on the morning of August 18, 1965, King conferred with Mr. Otis Chandler, publisher of the "Los Angeles Times", but had no information as to what they conferred about or the results of their conference.

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[REDACTED] further advised that King and his party were scheduled to visit the Watts area of Los Angeles where the rioting centered. b7(c)

The "Los Angeles Times" final edition for August 19, 1965, carried an article captioned "Dr. King Hears Watts Protests Over Heckling". The article stated that there was some heckling when King spoke to a crowd in the devastated Watts business district but that most of the 500 persons present treated the civil rights leader with "affection and respect". King was quoted as stating that he would do all in his power to get Parker and Yorty (Chief of Police Parker and Mayor-Yorty) "to come out to Watts and listen to your problems."

The article further stated that King had met with Governor Brown later in the day and that in the meeting he urged Brown to support a police civilian review board in Los Angeles and to push for release of Federal anti-poverty funds and to visit the Watts area.

The article further stated that King said that most of the people he talked to wanted Parker removed but Governor Brown defended Parker and refused to consider his removal.

The same article stated that King mentioned he had had a "lengthy off the record conference" with Otis Chandler, publisher of the "Los Angeles Times", which King described as "very fruitful" but declined to divulge any details of their conversation.

At a television news broadcast on TV channel 7, KABC, Los Angeles, at 11:00 p.m. on August 18, 1965, a film was shown of a joint interview with California Governor Edmund G. Brown and Martin Luther King concerning the Los Angeles riots. King stated that the underlying cause of the riots was the deprivation in the Watts area. He further stated that he had spoken with numerous Los Angeles Negro leaders who expressed the feeling that Chief of Police William H. Parker is

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insensitive to the needs of the Negro community. King further stated that Negro leaders in Los Angeles are desirous of a police review board. Governor Brown indicated that he was against such a review board and further that he absolutely does not support the removal of Chief Parker.

In "The Saturday Evening Post" issue of July 11-18, 1964, page 76, Bayard Rustin is the subject of a feature article captioned: "The Lone Wolf of Civil Rights". In it, Rustin is said to have come to New York in 1938, as an organizer for the Young Communist League (YCL), and as such, he had the job of recruiting students for the "Party". Furthermore, the article reports that during his first years in New York, Rustin gave most of his earnings to the "Party". He reportedly left the "Party" in 1941, the article states.

The YCL has been designated pursuant to Executive Order 10450.

The "Daily Worker", February 11, 1957, page 1, column 2, reported that Bayard Rustin, Executive Secretary, War Resisters League, was an observer at the 16th National Convention of the Communist Party, United States of America (CP, USA), held in New York City, on February 9-12, 1957.

The "Daily Worker" was an East Coast Communist publication until it ceased publication on January 13, 1958.

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✓ FROM: SAC, CHARLOTTE (100-10075)

MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.
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Re Charlotte airtel to Director, 8/17/65, enclosing LHM and Atlanta teletype to Director, 8/18/65, concerning King's scheduled appearance Montreat, N. C., 8/19/65.

It is noted that referenced Atlanta teletype advised that Reverend KING would remain in Los Angeles and would not keep his commitment to speak in Montreat, N. C., on evening of 8/19/65.

Adm (8-1) adj. 8/22/65

██████████ Mountain Retreat Association, Montreat, N. C., advised SA ██████████ that her office had received official notice on 8/18/65, that Reverend Martin Luther King, Jr., had postponed his speech scheduled for Montreat, N. C., 8/19/65, but may speak at a later time during current conference which ends Sunday, 8/22/65.

The Asheville Citizen, a daily Asheville, N. C., newspaper, in its issue of 8/19/65, contained an article confirming that Dr. King would not appear in Montreat and the article stated that Dr. GAYRAUD S. WILMORE, JR., New York City, who is executive director, Committee on Religion and Race, United Presbyterian Church, USA, will fly from Los Angeles to Montreat, 8/19/65, and will speak that evening on the situation in Los Angeles.

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Local police authorities cognizant.

Bureau and Atlanta will be kept advised of developments and Atlanta requested to furnish Charlotte any information received in connection with Dr. KING's possible appearance at Montreat, N. C., during current conference which ends 8/22/65.

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FROM SAC, CHARLOTTE (100-10075)

MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. SM-C.

RE ATLANTA TELETYPE, AUG. TWENTY, INSTANT.

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ADVISED HE HAD RECEIVED INFORMATION
THAT SUBJECT IS TO APPEAR AT MONTREAL AT TWO PM ON
AUG. TWENTYONE, NEXT. MILITARY INTELLIGENCE, SECRET SERVICE
AND STATE AND LOCAL AUTHORITIES ADVISED.

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TO DIRECTOR /100-106670/ AND ATLANTA

FROM OKLAHOMA CITY /100-7259/ 2P

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AMERICAN AIRLINES RESERVATION OFFICE, DALLAS, TEXAS,

ADVISED ANONYMOUS CALL RECEIVED SHORTLY PRIOR TO TWO PM THIS
DATE FROM OKLAHOMA CITY. MALE INDIVIDUAL INQUIRED AS TO WHEN
FLIGHT FROM BIRMINGHAM WOULD ARRIVE IN OKLAHOMA CITY THIS DATE.
CALLER WAS ADVISED BRANIFF FLIGHT NINE EIGHT TWO WOULD ARRIVE
OKLAHOMA CITY AT FOUR EIGHTEEN PM AUGUST TWENTYONE, INSTANT.
CALLER THEN STATED MARTIN LUTHER KING IS COMING TO OKLAHOMA
CITY FROM BIRMINGHAM, REFERRED TO KING AS "NIGGER" AND STATED
"I AM GOING TO GET HIM." CALLER REQUESTED RESERVATION CLERK TO
FORGET HIS CALL AND HUNG UP TELEPHONE.

INQUIRY AIRLINES, OKLAHOMA CITY, REFLECTS ONLY TWO FLIGHTS
THIS DATE ARRIVING OKLAHOMA CITY FROM BIRMINGHAM--BRANIFF
FLIGHT NINE EIGHT TWO ARRIVING FOUR EIGHTEEN PM AND BRANIFF
FLIGHT ONE FIVE TWO ARRIVING FOUR ZERO ONE PM. OFFICIALS
BRANIFF AIRLINES, OKLAHOMA CITY, ADVISED CHECK OF PASSENGER
LISTS ON THESE TWO FLIGHTS FAILED TO REFLECT KING AS PASSENGER.

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NO INFORMATION AVAILABLE TO OKLAHOMA CITY INDICATING MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR., IS SCHEDULED TO BE IN OKLAHOMA CITY.

OKLAHOMA CITY PD HAS BEEN ADVISED OF ABOVE THREAT AND SA'S OF THIS OFFICE WILL OBSERVE ARRIVAL OF ABOVE TWO BRANIFF FLIGHTS.

BUREAU AND ATLANTA WILL BE ADVISED IN THE EVENT KING DOES ARRIVE OKLAHOMA CITY.

NO ADDITIONAL ACTION CONTEMPLATED BY THIS OFFICE. LETTERHEAD MEMO FOLLOWS.

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TO DIRECTOR

ATLANTA

FROM LOS ANGELES (100-57229)

MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. SM -C.

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RE LOS ANGELES TELETYPE AUGUST NINETEEN LAST.

KING DEPARTED LOS ANGELES TODAY, THREE ZERO FIVE PM
DELTA FLIGHT EIGHT ZERO FOUR TO ARRIVE ATLANTA, NINE FIFTYTWO
PM THIS DATE.

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Don Brown, Jr.
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Date: 8/20/65

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 FROM: SAC, SAN FRANCISCO (100-52821)
 RE: MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.
 SM - C

Re Chicago airtel and LHM to Bureau, 8/19/65.

The Bureau, Atlanta, and San Francisco are well aware of affidavit by PRUSSION and many copies have been received from all over the country. He is a former San Francisco informant who has become a professional anti-communist.

Chicago need take no action.

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- ③ - Bureau (AM-RM)
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MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. SM DASH C.

RE CHARLOTTE TELETYPE TO DIRECTOR AUGUST TWENTY LAST.

SO ASHEVILLE, N.C. ADVISED KING ARRIVED ASHEVILLE, N.C. AIRPORT APPROX-
IMATELY ONE P.M. ⁸⁻²¹ TODAY ON CESSNA THREE ONE ZERO AIRCRAFT NUMBER
TWO NINE ONE FIVE R, CHARTERED FROM AIRCRAFT CHARTE, INC.,
ATLANTA, GA. KING APPEARED AS SPEAKER BEFORE PRESBYTERIAN
CHRISTIAN ACTION CONFERENCE AT MONTREAT, N.C., FROM TWO P.M. TO
THREE THIRTY P.M. AND LEFT ASHEVILLE, N.C.,
AIRPORT FIVE TEN P.M. TODAY FOR ATLANTA. TRIP AND SPEECH OCCURRED
WITHOUT INCIDENT.

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FROM: *ggr* SAC, BIRMINGHAM (157-115)(P)
SUBJECT: COMMUNIST INFILTRATION OF THE
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CONFERENCE (SCLC)
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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

1400 - 2121 Building
Birmingham, Alabama
August 17, 1965

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RE: COMMUNIST INFILTRATION OF
THE SOUTHERN CHRISTIAN
LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE (SCLC)

[REDACTED] advised on August 13, 1965, as follows: b7(D)

The SCLC held a mass meeting at the Birmingham City Auditorium at 8:00 P.M., August 12, 1965, without incident. Approximately 3,500 people were in attendance and about \$17,000.00 collection was taken in. Reverend Martin Luther King made a short speech at the end of the meeting. He was forced to cut his speech short due to the lateness of the hour as people began walking out. The only topic he discussed was the war in Viet Nam. He stated the United States Government should negotiate a peace; that war is evil. King said he had been advised to leave the war to experts, but he is not going to follow this advice. He mentioned the Bay of Pigs and two current books concerning the late President Kennedy, stating that Kennedy regretted he depended so much on experts. Reverend King stated that new diplomatic machinery should be created to negotiate a peace.

The meeting adjourned at approximately 11:45 P.M., CST. No prayer vigil or night march was held and the crowd dispersed peacefully.

The "Birmingham Post-Herald" for Friday, August 13, 1965, carried a story on page 7 entitled "500 Stage March Here." This article is set out as follows:

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**RE: COMMUNIST INFILTRATION OF
THE SOUTHERN CHRISTIAN
LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE**

"Approximately 500 whites and Negroes, almost all delegates to the Southern Christian Leadership Conference (SCLC), demonstrated yesterday in protest of alleged unfair hiring practices by the Birmingham-Jefferson County personnel board.

"The group, which had obtained a parade permit, left the L. R. Hall Building and walked to the City Hall and then to the Courthouse.

"The demonstrators prayed in front of City Hall and then heard a speech at the Courthouse.

"After the speech, they sang 'We Shall Overcome,' and then walked back to the L. R. Hall building for some workshops."

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Reverend Ralph Abernathy stated that the SCLC Board Members are concerned about recovering some \$50,000 to \$100,000 in bond money which was put up by SCLC in Birmingham in 1963. Rev. Abernathy commented on August 13, 1965, that a man by the name of Stanley Levison, among others, served on a committee during this SCLC convention to check the financial records of SCLC for the past fiscal year.

RE: COMMUNIST INFILTRATION OF
THE SOUTHERN CHRISTIAN
LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE

On the night of August 11, 1965, Andrew Young, Official of the SCLC, presented Bayard Rustin to the SCLC at the Sixteenth Street Baptist Church. Reverend Young described him as the "Senior Civil Rights Worker" in the United States.

On August 12, 1965, FBI Agents observed Harry H. Wachtel in the lobby of the Thomas Jefferson Hotel at about 2:30 P.M. He was standing by the registration desk when a party, including Dr. Martin Luther King and a woman, later ascertained to be Mrs. King, came in. Wachtel greeted the Kings and then engaged in conversation with Dr. King. Wachtel returned to two unidentified Negro men, who were standing nearby, at which time he turned and gestured to Rev. King, stating "Will you be available at 8:00 tomorrow morning?", at which time Rev. King said, "8:00 tomorrow morning will be fine."

[REDACTED] Dr. Lawrence D. Reddick spoke at the SCLC Convention on the night of August 10 at the Sixteenth Street Baptist Church. [REDACTED] Dr. Reddick introduced United Nations Ambassador S. O. Adebo from Nigeria, who made the principal speech. Adebo spoke on the "black revolution." [REDACTED] b(1) b7(D)

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**RE: COMMUNIST INFILTRATION OF
THE SOUTHERN CHRISTIAN
LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE**

In "The Saturday Evening Post" issue of July 11-18, 1964, page 76, Bayard Rustin is the subject of a feature article captioned, "The Lone Wolf of Civil Rights." In it, Rustin is said to have come to New York in 1938 as an organizer for the Young Communist League (YCL) and, as such, he had the job of recruiting students for the "Party". Furthermore, the article reports that during his first years in New York, Rustin gave most of his earnings to the "Party". He reportedly left the "Party" in 1941, the article states.

The YCL has been designated pursuant to Executive Order 10450.

The "Daily Worker", February 11, 1957, page one, column 2, reported that Bayard Rustin, Executive Secretary, War Resisters League, was an observer at the 16th National Convention of the Communist Party, United States of America (CP, USA), held in New York City on February 9-12, 1957.

The "Daily Worker" was an East Coast Communist publication until it ceased publication on January 13, 1958.

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[REDACTED], that Bayard Rustin contacted Benjamin J. Davis on those dates and sought his advice as to how he could escape from a speaking engagement to which he was committed. On the latter contact, Davis told Rustin he was working on his request and had contacted friends who had contacts with the group to which Rustin was to speak. w

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**RE: COMMUNIST INFILTRATION OF
THE SOUTHERN CHRISTIAN
LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE**

"The New York Times", August 24, 1964, page 27, column 4, reports that Benjamin J. Davis, National Secretary, CP, USA, died in New York City on the night of August 22, 1964.

Harry Wachtel is the Executive Vice President of the Gandhi Society for Human Rights, 15 East 40th Street, New York, New York. He resides at 29 Split Rock Drive, Kings Point, Long Island, New York.

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A characterization of the National Lawyers Guild is attached hereto.

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With respect to the Gandhi Society for Human Rights, it is to be noted that this organization is an adjunct of the SCLC, of which Martin Luther King, Jr., is the president and serves to raise funds for the SCLC.

Lawrence Dunbar Reddick is a professor at Coppin State College, Baltimore, Maryland, and currently resides in Baltimore. On September 17, 1943, a confidential source advised she had learned that Dr. Reddick, who was then Director of the Schomburg Library, 103 West 135th Street, New York City, was one of the most important unpublicized members of the Communist Party.

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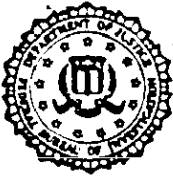
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NATIONAL LAWYERS GUILD

The "Guide to Subversive Organizations and Publications," revised and published as of December 1, 1961, prepared and released by the Committee on Un-American Activities, United States House of Representatives, Washington, D.C., contains the following concerning the National Lawyers Guild:

"National Lawyers Guild:

- "1. Cited as a Communist front.
(Special Committee on Un-American Activities, House Report 1311 on the CIO Political Action Committee, March 29, 1944, p. 149.)
- "2. Cited as a Communist front which 'is the foremost legal bulwark of the Communist Party, its front organizations, and controlled unions' and which 'since its inception has never failed to rally to the legal defense of the Communist Party and individual members thereof, including known espionage agents.'
(Committee on Un-American Activities, House Report 3123 on the National Lawyers Guild, September 21, 1950, originally related September 17, 1950.)
- "3. 'To defend the cases of Communist law-breakers, fronts have been devised making special appeals in behalf of civil liberties and reaching out far beyond the confines of the Communist Party itself. Among these organizations are the * * * National Lawyers Guild. When the Communist Party itself is under fire, these offer a bulwark of protection.' (Internal Security Subcommittee of the Senate Judiciary Committee, Handbook for Americans, S. Doc. 117, April 23, 1956, p. 91.)"



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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Birmingham, Alabama
August 17, 1965

Title: COMMUNIST INFILTRATION OF
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LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE (SCLC)

Character: INTERNAL SECURITY - C

Reference: Letterhead Memorandum dated
August 17, 1965, at Birmingham,
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TO DIRECTOR (157-6-267)

FROM LOS ANGELES (157-1000)

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REMYTEL AUGUST EIGHTEEN LAST.

AT ELEVEN PM AUGUST EIGHTEEN LAST, TV NEWS BROADCAST
CHANNEL SEVEN, ^{LOS ANGELES} ~~LOS~~ GOVERNOR EDMUND G. BROWN AND MARTIN LUTHER

^{LOS ANGELES} KING GAVE JOINT INTERVIEW ON ~~LA~~ RIOT. KING STATED ECONOMIC
DEPRIVATION IN WATTS AREA WAS UNDERLYING CAUSE OF RIOT. HE STATED
HE HAD SPOKEN WITH NUMEROUS ^{LOS ANGELES} ~~LA~~ NEGRO LEADERS WHO EXPRESSED THE FEELING
CHIEF WILLIAM H. PARKER IS INSENSITIVE TO THE NEEDS OF NEGRO
COMMUNITY. KING STATED NEGRO LEADERS DESIRE POLICE REVIEW BOARD.
GOVERNOR BROWN INDICATED HE IS AGAINST SUCH A BOARD. BROWN STATED
HE ABSOLUTELY DOES NOT SUPPORT THE REMOVAL OF CHIEF PARKER.

FULL DETAILS BEING OBTAINED. ^{LETTERHEAD MEMO} ~~LA~~ FOLLOWS.

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MR. BELMONT FOR THE DIRECTOR

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cc. Mr. Sullivan
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RACIAL SITUATION - LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA RM

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100-136585.

MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. ,. SM-C.

RE NEW YORK TELETYPE TO BUREAU AUGUST FOURTEEN, SIXTYFIVE.

b(2) b(7)(D) [REDACTED] REPORTED THAT DURING
AFTERNOON AUGUST FOURTEEN, SIXTYFIVE, MARTIN LUTHER KING , JR. CONTACTED
BAYARD RUSTIN IN YORK CITY. KING ADVISED THAT HE WAS AT THE AIRPORT
/DID NOT GIVE NAME OR LOCATION/ WAITING TO BOARD A FLIGHT FOR SAN JUAN,
PUERTO RICO, /WHICH DEPARTED AROUND TWO PM/ WHERE HE IS GOING TO DELIVER
A SPEECH AND REMAIN UNTIL MONDAY/AUGUST SIXTEEN, SIXTYFIVE/KING SAID HE
THOUGHT HE WOULD HE WOULD MAKE A STATEMENT TO THE PRESS ON THE LOS
ANGELES RIOTS UPON HIS ARRIVAL AT SAN JUAN AIRPORT AND WANTED RUSTINS
OPINION ON THIS MATTER. AFTER SOME DISCUSSION RUSTIN STATED THAT HE
FELT KING-S STATEMENTS SHOULD MAKE THE FOLLOWING POINTS. [REDACTED]

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ONE. THAT WE DEPLORE RESORTING TO VIOLENCE., NO MATTER WHO IS ENGAGED IN VIOLENCE IT IS WRONG AND SOCIALLY DISTRUCTIVE.

TWO. THAT WHILE WE DEPLORE VIOLENCE, WE ALSO DEPLORE THE CONCENTRATION OF THE GHETTO LIFE WHICH LEADS , WITH THE ABSENCE OF JOBS, BAD EDUCATION AND SLUMS, TO THE HOPELESSNESS AND DISPAIR WHERE THE NEGRO YOUTH OUT OF THESE CONDITIONS THEY FEEL THAT THEY HAVE NO STAKE IN AMERICAN SOCIETY. /RUSTIN SUGGESTED UNDER THIS POINT THAT KING MAKE REFERENCE TO PRESIDENT JOHNSON-S CONFERENCE TO BE HELD IN NOVEMBER ON THE WHOLE GHETTO AND FAMILY LIFE BY STATING THAT HE HOPES NEW AND STIRRING IDEAS WILL EMERGE FROM THIS CONFERENCE TO DEAL WITH THIS PROBLEM./

THREE. THAT RIGHTLY OR WRONGLY, WHETER OR NOT THERE WAS IN FACT POLICE BRUTALITY IN LOS ANGELES, ALMOST EVERY NEGRO IN EVERY FAMILY HAS AT ONE TIME OR OTHER FELT THAT HE HAS BEEN MALTREATED BY THE POLICE. THEREFORE, IN ADDITION TO THE SOCIAL PROBLEMS, IN EVERY CITY THERE NEEDS TO BE A CIVILIAN REVIEW BOARD. THIS BOARD IS TO PROTECT THE POLICEMAN WHEN HE IS RIGHT AND TO PROTECT THE CITIZEN WHEN THE POLICEMAN IS NOT RIGHT. [S]

UPON HEARING THE ABOVE POINTS KING STATED, "GOOD. I WAS THINKING IN THAT GENERAL LIGHT. IT-S REALLY BAD ISN-T IT." RUSTIN SAID "IT-S TERRIBLE." [S]

BOTH KING AND RUSTIN STATED THAT THEY HAD BEEN ASKED TO [S]
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COME TO LOS ANGELES TO HELP SUPPRESS THE RIOTS BUT BOTH FELT THEY WOULD NOT BE ABLE TO BE OF MUCH ASSISTANCE AS THE SITUATION HAS DETERIORATED TO SUCH A POINT WHERE IT WAS A JOB FOR THE NATIONAL GUARD. KING AND RUSTIN SPECULATED ON WHETHER OR NOT THEY WOULD BE OF ANY HELP AFTER THE RIOTS HAD BEEN QUELLED. 9

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TO DIRECTOR -1-, ATLANTA AND LOS ANGELES

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FROM NEW YORK 2 PGS

RACIAL SITUATION - LOS ANGELES, CALIF. -RM- RACIAL MATTER

MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. -SM--C-

REPORTED ON AUGUST

THIRTEEN SIXTY FIVE ONE DORA PAREN LNU CLOSE PAREN, AREA CODE FOUR ZERO FOUR DASH SEVEN FIVE FIVE DASH EIGHT TWO TWO SIX, ATLANTA, GEORGIA, CONTACTED STANLEY LEVISON NOTING THE FOLLOWING.

A RADIO STATION IN LOS ANGELES, NOT IDENTIFIED, IS INSISTING MARTIN LUTHER KING MAKE AN APPEAL TO STOP THE RIOTING IN LOS ANGELES. SHE STATED NEGROES HAVE BROKEN INTO GUN STORES, HAVE ARMY KNIVES, CONTROL ABOUT ONE FOUR ZERO BLOCKS AND THE POLICE CANNOT STOP THEM. EVEN
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MINISTERS WHO APPEAL FOR CESSATION OF THE RIOTING ARE ATTACKED. DORA SAID THE RADIO STATION FEELS ONLY AN APPEAL FROM KING AND OTHER CIVIL RIGHTS LEADERS WILL HAVE AN EFFECT. DORA INDICATED KING DESIRED LEVISON PREPARE A STATEMENT IN THIS REGARD. [X]

LEVISON INDICATED APPROVAL AND SAID HE FELT KING SHOULD MAKE SUCH AN APPEAL. [X]

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Martin Luther King

[REDACTED] RACIAL MATTER,
BOMBING MATTERS, PROTECTION OF PRESIDENT.
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RE MYTEL AUGUST TEN, LAST.

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REFERENCED TELETYPE
LETTER REFERRED TO IN RE-TEL REPORTEDLY WRITTEN BY [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] IS TEN-PAGE STATEMENT WRITTEN BY [REDACTED] IN WHICH HE OUTLINES HIS
ACTIVITIES IN KLAN, HIS PLANS TO KILL CERTAIN PERSONS AND INCLUDED
FOLLOWING: "EARLIER TALKS ON MY FOUR DAY VACATION WITH [REDACTED]
COVERED OTHER THINGS SUCH AS: HOW I WOULD ASSASSINATE PRES. JOHNSON
VICE PRESIDENT
AND V.P. HUMPHREY. I THOUGHT BLOWING UP THE WHITE HOUSE WOULD BE
APPROPRIATE AND SHE AGREED..."

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AUSA COLUMBUS HAS TENTATIVELY AUTHORIZED PROSECUTION ON
[REDACTED] FOR THREAT TO LIFE OF PRESIDENT BUT DESIRES [REDACTED] AND [REDACTED]
INTERVIEWED. HE INDICATED HE WILL GIVE FAVORABLE CONSIDERATION TO
PROSECUTION OF WITTE.

CINCINNATI DIVISION FOLLOWING CLOSELY. BUREAU WILL BE KEPT ADVISED.

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SUBJECT: COMINFIL SCLC
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Re New York teletype dated 8/14/65, captioned, "COMINFIL SCLC and MARTIN LUTHER KING", reporting a conversation which took place between STANLEY LEVISON and DORA MC DONALD. The conversation dealt with KING's position on Vietnam. 

Enclosed are ten copies of a letterhead memorandum reporting information contained in captioned communication; two copies are enclosed for Atlanta and one copy is enclosed for the information of Birmingham. 5:17

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1 - Birmingham (100-) (Encl. 1) (Info) (RM)
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1 - New York (100-136585) (MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.) (42)
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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
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In Reply, Please Refer to
File No.

New York, New York
August 17, 1965

Bureau 100-438794

Re: Communist Infiltration of the Southern
Christian Leadership Conference (SCLC)
Internal Security - C

On August 13, 1965, a confidential source, who has furnished reliable information in the past, furnished information which disclosed that Stanley Levison and Dora McDonald (Secretary to Martin Luther King, President of the SCLC), were in contact on two occasions on that date. According to the source, McDonald related to Levison that King desired him (Levison) to prepare the answers to twelve questions dealing with Vietnam which were put to him (King) by the "New York Times". McDonald said the "Times" inquiry was precipitated by King's recent statement on Vietnam. [2]

The "New York World Telegram and Sun", August 13, 1965, page 2, contained an article captioned, "Dr. King Urges Vietnam Talks". The article notes that King, while addressing the convention of the SCLC (held in Birmingham, Alabama, August 9-13, 1965), urged opposing sides in the Vietnam conflict to negotiate and end the struggle's cycle of "mistrust, violence and war". [U]

According to the source, Levison furnished to McDonald the answers to the twelve questions which she had given him, and they were as follows: [U]

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Re: Communist Infiltration of the Southern
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Internal Security - C

Question: In his statement, King noted several peace organizations had approached him regarding Vietnam. What specific peace groups are they?

Answer: Among others, National SANE, Women Strike for Peace, Student and Faculty Group in Berkeley, California.

Question: What is the text of the letter King is sending to President Johnson and Ho Chi Minh?

Answer: When the text is finalized, a copy will be made available.

Question: How will the letter be sent?

Answer: These details have not been planned as yet.

Question: Should the United States stay in Vietnam if South Vietnamese ask us to leave?

Answer: I believe we would have no moral or juridical basis for remaining if a sovereign government demands that we leave its territory.

Question: Can he be more specific regarding his attitude on escalation of the war?

Answer: Escalation is expressed in so many degrees and is related to escalation on the other side so that I can discuss it only in concrete terms. It is impossible to generalize.

Question: King said he is not blaming either government for the war. Who is to blame?

Answer: There is blame on both sides because each has made responses too readily through means of violence without an earnest search for reduction of violence. I am encouraged by the restraint President Johnson

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Internal Security - C

has manifested both in action and in words and I believe the exercise of restraint will ultimately lead faster to constructive negotiation than will the flexing of the muscles of military power which the whole world knows we possess in terrifying abundance.

Question: What specific proposals would King have to make?

Answer: I have not formulated specific proposals for ending the war and I am not sure I have competence in that area.

Question: Is King seriously thinking of going to Vietnam and under what circumstances?

Answer: I have no plans to go to Vietnam.

Question: Will King's letter also be sent to the United Nations?

Answer: There are no plans for a letter to the United Nations because it is not a combatant nor an ally of any combatant. This does not imply it has no role. Its role is substantial but different.

Question: Will King contact United States officials regarding his plans, that is, Governors, Senators, Congressmen or Diplomats?

Answer: I have no body of plans which could be the subject of discussions. I am expressing a point of view which will be self explanatory and I sincerely hope useful for those who have the responsibility to make plans.

Question: King states he is following a path of non-violence, but Reverend James Bevel recently made statements indicating he is more militant. Can King reconcile this and is Bevel speaking for the SCLC or as an individual?

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Answer: The emphasis James Bevel places on peace activity in relation to civil rights activity differs from mine because I am not presently proposing any change in the direction or the character of our civil rights work. He has the right to express his analysis and has done so. *PC*

Question: Reverend Bevel stated the civil rights movement is legislated out of business. Will King comment on this? ●

Answer: I do not agree with James Bevel's view that the civil rights movement has been legislated out of existence. We still have so far to go I cannot see the end of the road even now. I see the need for a multiplicity of additional legislative reforms which will take years of struggle fully to achieve. ●

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It is noted that James Bevel is Field Secretary of the SCLC. *PC*

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Re New York teletype to Bureau, dated 8/14/65, captioned "MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.; SM-C", which concerned a conversation between STANLEY LEVISON and DORA MC DONALD regarding the rioting in Los Angeles; New York teletype captioned, "MARTIN LUTHER KING and RACIAL SITUATION, LOS ANGELES", and New York teletype captioned "COMINFIL SCLC", 8/15/65, both of which concerned KING's position on the rioting. [C]

Enclosed are ten copies of a letterhead memorandum reporting information in referenced communications; two copies are enclosed for the information of Atlanta and one for the information of Los Angeles. [U]

The sources of the information were [REDACTED]

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The sources used to characterize individuals in the letterhead memorandum were as follows: [REDACTED]

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- 1 - New York (100-111180) (STANLEY LEVISON) (42)
- 1 - New York (100-136585) (MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.) (42)
- 1 - New York (100-148289) (HARRY WACHTEL) (42)
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In Reply, Please Refer to
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New York, New York
August 16, 1965

Bureau 100-442529

Re: Communist Influence In Racial Matters
Internal Security - C

On August 13, 1965, a confidential source, who has furnished reliable information in the past, advised that Dora McDonald (Secretary to Martin Luther King, President, Southern Christian Leadership Conference, SCLC) and Stanley Levison were in contact on that day concerning the rioting in Los Angeles, California. In that regard, McDonald said King had been contacted by a radio station in Los Angeles, who urged that he issue a statement appealing to the Negroes to end the rioting. She said that King, in turn, had requested that she contact him (Levison) and request that he prepare a statement dealing with the matter. According to the source, Levison prepared the following statement: [8]

"I know that you have grievances that are hard to live with - I know that any Negro can reach the end of his patience and want to strike out and strike back. But it is not courage nor militancy to strike out blindly. Our enemies have always hoped that we would lose our heads and riot against the guilty and innocent alike. This enables them to argue that we haven't decency or good sense. I speak to you as one who had to march with other Negroes against guns, clubs, dogs and whips and who won victories over cruel and barbarous sheriffs and Klansmen. We won victories because we had a greater weapon - disciplined cool heads, and iron determination not to provoke into violence. Our adversaries have always known what [6]

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to do when we lost our heads - it gave them a chance to beat our heads. They have never known what to do when we refused to be sucked into the trap of violence. [3]

"Tonight the whole world is watching you. If you want all America to respect you, if you want the world to know that you are men, put down your weapons and your rocks. Get a committee together to draw up demands. If you want my help I will sit with you and plan how to improve your conditions. [5]

"Negroes in the South were not less oppressed than you and we have run Jim Crow from thousands of places without using a rock or a bullet. We made millions of white Americans sick and ashamed of their practices and by our discipline won many to our side. You are harming yourselves, not the segregationists. Tonight in the South, the segregationist is delighted. He has made you lose your temper and for a few moments of emotional excitement and relief you are conducting yourself without reason, without a name and without a goal. You are not an army of Negro people if you fight without reason. Our people are not rioters and are not looters. Come back to our ranks where there is room for honest courage and militancy,-- where real and permanent victories have been won and will be won in the right way. [6]

"The man who cools off, who puts down his weapon and stands up with only his body is the man of courage. Don't let us down here in the South. Don't discredit brave Negroes in jails in Johannesburg. Don't set yourself back. You can still win a great victory by halting the fighting because there is more honor and dignity in looking the other side squarely in the eye and demanding your rights than there is in struggling in blind fury. In the name of brave Negroes who have died in the South over the past ten years of bitter struggle, I appeal to you to end the hostilities so that together we can march forward for real gains for our people everywhere". [6]

A confidential source, who has furnished reliable information in the past, advised on August 14, 1965, that Bayard Rustin (organizer of the March on Washington), and Martin Luther King were in contact on that date. Their contact, according to the source, dealt with the rioting in [0]

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Los Angeles. King told Rustin that he was on his way to Puerto Rico to deliver a speech, and that upon arrival he would issue a press release dealing with the situation in Los Angeles, therefore, wanted Rustin's suggestions on the matter. Rustin suggested to King that the following points should be contained in any statement to the press: []

"That we deplore resorting to violence no matter who is engaged in the violence because it is wrong and socially destructive. That while we deplore violence, we also deplore the concentration of the ghetto life which leads, with the absence of jobs, bad education and slums, to the hopelessness and despair where the Negro youth, out of these conditions, feel that they have no stake in American society". Rustin suggested in reference to that point, that King make mention of President Johnson's conference scheduled to be held in November, 1965, which will deal with the whole ghetto and family life problem, by stating that he hoped new and stirring ideas would emerge from the conference. []

In continuing his suggestions, Rustin said that King should point out that, "Rightly or wrongly, whether or not there was, in fact, police brutality in Los Angeles, almost every Negro in every family has, at one time or another, felt that he has been maltreated by the police; therefore, in addition to the social problems, in every city there needs to be a civilian review board. This board is to protect the policeman when he is right and to protect the citizen when the policeman is not right". []

King and Rustin both remarked that they had been asked to go to Los Angeles to help suppress the riots, but both opined that they would not be able to be of much assistance since the situation had deteriorated to such a point that it was a job for the National Guard. They ended their contact by speculating on whether or not they would be of any help subsequent to the riots. []

The same confidential source furnished information on August 14, 1965, which disclosed that Rustin and Roy Wilkins (Executive Secretary of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People, NAACP) were in contact on that date concerning, among other things, the rioting in []

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Los Angeles. In that regard, Rustin said a number of Ministers in Los Angeles, who had done nothing (to end the riots), were putting pressure on King to come to Los Angeles to aid in quelling the riots. Rustin said King was going to Puerto Rico to speak, but had airline tickets to travel to Los Angeles on his way back from Puerto Rico. Rustin said King would do nothing but create more confusion and embarrass himself if he went to Los Angeles. Wilkins concurred, adding that if King did go to Los Angeles, he would be regarded as an emissary sent to quiet the rioters. [Z]

The source advised on August 14, 1965, that Rustin and Harry Wachtel were in contact on above date. During their contact, Wachtel spoke in regard to the rioting in Los Angeles, stating that he was not unhappy because the "power structure acts as if they are only dealing with King and they are not, they are dealing with guys who are easily incited, who live in stinking conditions". Rustin said he had dissuaded King from going to Los Angeles at this time. [Z]

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In "The Saturday Evening Post", issue of July 11-18, 1964, page 76, Bayard Rustin is the subject of a feature article captioned: "The Lone Wolf of Civil Rights". In it, Rustin is said to have come to New York in 1938, as an organizer for the Young Communist League (YCL), and as such, he had the job of recruiting students for the "Party". Furthermore, the article reports that during his first years in New York, Rustin gave most of his earnings to the "Party". He reportedly left the "Party" in 1941, the article states.

The YCL has been designated pursuant to Executive Order 10450.

The "Daily Worker", February 11, 1957, page 1 column 2, reported that Bayard Rustin, Executive Secretary, War Resisters League, was an observer at the 16th National Convention of the Communist Party, United States of America (CP, USA), held in New York City, on February 9-12, 1957.

The "Daily Worker" was an East Coast Communist publication until it ceased publication on January 13, 1958.

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Another confidential source, who has furnished reliable information in the past, advised on February 19, 20, 1964, that Bayard Rustin contacted Benjamin J. Davis on those dates [X] u)

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Communist Influence In Racial Matters

and sought his advice as to how he could escape from a speaking engagement to which he was committed. On the latter contact, Davis told Rustin that he was working on his request and had contacted friends who had contacts with the group to which Rustin was to speak. (u)

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"The New York Times", August 24, 1964, page 27, column 4, reports that Benjamin J. Davis, National Secretary, CP, USA, died in New York City on the night of August 22, 1964. (u)

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Harry Wachtel is the Executive Vice President of the Gandhi Society for Human Rights, 15 East 40th Street, New York, New York. He resides at 29 Split Rock Drive, Kings Point, Long Island, New York. [U]

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A characterization of the National Lawyers Guild is attached hereto. [U]

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With respect to the Gandhi Society for Human Rights, it is to be noted that this organization is an adjunct of the Southern Christian Leadership Conference (SCLC), of which Martin Luther King, Jr., is the president, and serves to raise funds for the SCLC. [U]

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APPENDIX

NATIONAL LAWYERS GUILD

The "Guide to Subversive Organizations and Publications," revised and published as of December 1, 1961, prepared and released by the Committee on Un-American Activities, United States House of Representatives, Washington, D.C., contains the following concerning the National Lawyers Guild: [U]

"National Lawyers Guild [U]

- "1. Cited as a Communist front.
(Special Committee on Un-American Activities, House Report 1311 on the CIO Political Action Committee, March 29, 1944, p. 149.) [U]
- "2. Cited as a Communist front which 'is the foremost legal bulwark of the Communist Party its front organizations, and controlled unions' and which 'since its inception has never failed to rally to the legal defense of the Communist Party and individual members thereof, including known espionage agents.'
(Committee on Un-American Activities, House Report 3123 on the National Lawyers Guild, September 21, 1950, originally related September 17, 1950.) [U]
- "3. 'To defend the cases of Communist lawbreakers, fronts have been devised making special appeals in behalf of civil liberties and reaching out far beyond the confines of the Communist Party itself. Among these organizations are the * * * National Lawyers Guild. When the Communist Party itself is under fire these offer a bulwark of protection.'
(Internal Security Subcommittee of the Senate Judiciary Committee, Handbook for Americans, S. Doc. 117, April 23, 1956, p. 91.) [U]

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Bureau file 100-438794

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Atlanta file 100-5586
Bureau file 100-106670

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Re New York airtel and Letterhead Memorandum
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Enclosed for the Bureau is the original and 8
copies and for Birmingham and New York 2 copies of a
Letterhead Memorandum.

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Memorandum

TO : The Director

DATE: 7-1-64

FROM : N. P. Callahan

SUBJECT: The Congressional Record

Pages 18724-18725. Congressman Cramer, (R) Florida, spoke concerning a letter directed to the conferees of the voting rights bill from Attorney General Katzenbach in connection with the poll tax provision. He placed a copy of the letter in the Record. This letter refers to a discussion between the Attorney General and Martin Luther King. Mr. Cramer stated "I for one resent very deeply the Attorney General's injection of a third party's views into the conference intentionally, in a supersecret fashion, which unquestionably influenced the conferees, at least in my opinion, on this question. - - - Certainly the public is entitled to know, as is the Congress, how such a reversal came about, and I, for one, refuse to be muzzled at the direction of the Attorney General on any letter or any other matter that I believe to be properly within the public domain."

HEW.
DATE 12-19-80 BY SP4JMM/ld
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